



## It Will Help To Know Your Social Security Benefits

Social Security, or Old-Age and Survivors Insurance, is not clearly understood by many people, outside of its 2% weekly deduction from their paycheck. In order to let employees know why and how this deduction plan works, here are some questions and answers which, we hope, will help to clear the matter for everyone. It is very much to your advantage to know what Social Security is and how it protects you and your family.

### What is Social Security Tax?

Insurance for you and your family, based on your earnings in work covered by the Federal social security law — that is, Old-Age and Survivors Insurance. Under this law, which is operated by the United States Government, people contribute during their working years to provide an income for themselves and their families when their usual income from unemployment or self-employment is cut off by old age or death.

Through contributions based on the amount of their wages or self-employment income, they establish rights to future benefits. The amount of the monthly benefits to a family will depend on the amount of the insured person's average monthly earnings and on the number of other members of the family who are entitled to payments as the insured person's dependents.

### What kinds of insurance payments are made?

There are four kinds of payments:

(a) Monthly retirement payments to insured persons 65 or over and their families.

(b) Monthly payments to insured persons and their families if the insured person is 75 or over, even if he is still working.

(c) Monthly survivors payments to the families of insured persons who die.

(d) Lump-sum payments to an insured person's widow or widower, or to

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## Largest Group Ever At Management Dinner-Dance

More than 115 couples — the largest turnout ever — braved snowy weather on Saturday, January 30, to attend the Sprague Management group's annual dinner-dance at the Country Club of Pittsfield.

To a background of soft yellow floral decorations, the guests partook of a fine dinner and enjoyed dancing to Marchand's orchestra of Boston until midnight.

A pictorial look at the affair is found on page 9.

Arrangements for the affair were carried out under the direction of Courtney W. Flanders, Manager of Training and Community Relations, with the assistance of staff members of the Employee and Community Relations Department.

## N. M. Levinson Named Registered Engineer

Nathan M. Levinson of the Moduline Development Group of the Research and Engineering Department has been notified of his official designation as a Registered Professional Engineer in Massachusetts.

Notification of this honor was given to Mr. Levinson recently by the State Board of Registration, which passes on credentials and examination for all applicants.

Mr. Levinson has been with the Company since 1950. Prior to that, he was affiliated with the Rural Electrification Administration of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

He also spent some time in the Aleutians with the U. S. Navy, serving as a Lieutenant in underwater demolitions work.

## Harry Kalker To Tell Story Of A Piece Of Paper

Harry Kalker, President of the Sprague Products Company, will relate his intriguing "Story of a Piece of Paper" at a Supervisory Training Dinner meeting to be held at the Williams Inn, Williamstown, March 10.

One hundred thirty-four Supervisors from the three North Adams plants have been invited to attend this session of the Company's training program. The meeting promises to be one of the most interesting ever.

Mr. Kalker's talk will be illustrated with graphic displays of Sprague Electric products, and will detail how the Sprague Products Company plays its vital role in the overall operations of the Company.

Sprague Products, integrated into the Company in 1946, is our sales outlet for the supply of service and replacement parts to wholesale dealers and jobbers all over America.

It is through this organization that millions of Sprague Electric components find their way onto dealers' shelves and into household appliances as replacement and service parts.

Sprague Electric's Advertising Department will also assist in the training session, supplying some of its display material.

One new Supervisor, Alvin Marsh, of the Filter production department at the Brown Street plant, will be among the guests at the dinner meeting.

The session will open at 6:15 p.m., with dinner scheduled for 7:00.



Harry Kalker, President of the Sprague Products Company, will be the speaker at next month's Supervisory Training dinner meeting at the Williams Inn.

## Sprague Employees Top Civil Defense Effort

Sprague Electric employees are right at the top of the list of those North Adams citizens who have given most freely of their time to the important duties of the Civil Defense Police force.

Of the 13 men and four officers of the CD Police arm who have given a total of 2,687 hours of voluntary service to traffic duty, six are employed at the Company.

Captain Chalmers F. Rose, of the Machine Shop, has the longest record, with 522½ hours of CD duty. Sgt. Edward Cook of Formation has 202½ hours; William Schink, Machine Shop, 216½ hours; Raymond Miller, Impregnating Department, 244 hours; Joseph Nadeau, Guard, 132 hours; and Serine LaBonte, Guard, 14½ hours.

## Now Is The Time To Take Inventory Of Your Group Insurance Policy: Know Your Coverage, Make Sure Beneficiary Is Correct

The beginning of a new year is traditionally the time for inventory. Every business takes time out then to tally its inventory position and figure just where it stands. It might be a good idea for individuals to do the same.

One of the big assets in your personal inventory is your group insurance policy, which the Company has made available to you as a benefit for working with Sprague Electric.

Your inventory check of this insurance should include, first of all, a look at the beneficiary named to receive the insurance settlement in event of your death.

Is the person named as beneficiary the one you now want to receive your life insurance? Death, marriage or any one of many factors may mean you want it changed, but have forgotten to take care of it.

Should the person designated as beneficiary now have a different name — as through marriage — that should be changed, too.

Making a change in beneficiary is simple. All you have to do is take your policy to the Personnel Office at the Marshall Street plant. A change of beneficiary card will be filled out for you and your policy amended.

Other steps in your inventory should include keeping your policy in a safe, yet handy, place. And you should make certain that at least one other person in your family knows where that place is.

You should also take inventory of your insurance coverage, so you and your family will know just what your benefits are. Read your policy, and tell your family about its details.

As you already know, the group life insurance coverage is just one of the many benefits provided for employees of the Sprague Electric Company.

Employees become eligible for insurance after six months continuous

service with the Company. The cost to those employees who elect to carry the insurance is very nominal, with the Company sharing most of the payment.

Your coverage is \$750 the first year you hold your policy. It increases to \$1,000 the next year, and goes to \$1,250 the third year and thereafter.

Besides the protection offered your family under this plan in event of your death, the group insurance policy also makes provisions in case you become totally and permanently disabled prior to age 60.

The amount of your insurance would be payable to you, in such an event, in monthly installments.

Knowing these benefits — and keeping track of the details such as the naming or changing of beneficiaries — will go a long way toward providing real peace of mind and security for you and your family.

## Employees In 1953 Earned \$1,875 By Good Suggestions

During the year 1953, eager Sprague Electric employees in North Adams earned a total of \$1,875 in addition to their regular paychecks by cashing in on ideas submitted to their Suggestion System Committee.

It may be noted that two of the largest awards ever given by Sprague Electric were received last year by Walter Wood and Art Hewitt — \$375 and \$500 respectively.

Almost all hourly rated employees and bonus operators may receive cash awards for suggestions accepted on any worthwhile subject. (The personnel in some groups such as Management groups, Employee & Community Relations, Personnel, Supervisors, Planners, Time Study and Methods Department, Cost Personnel, Tool and fixture designers, Product Engineers, may receive awards only for suggestions applying outside their regular line of work.)

Rules governing the suggestion system are as follows:

1. Suggestions which duplicate proposed improvements which are already under consideration or pertain to routine maintenance are not eligible for an award.

2. Suggestions on incomplete or temporary setups are not eligible for an award.

3. In the case of duplicate suggestions, the one received earliest by the Suggestion Committee will be given consideration for an award.

Any suggestion relating to the business of the Company is welcome, but the eight main subjects to remember when making a suggestion are:

1. Improvement of the quality of our products.
2. Rectifying conditions that are hazardous to health or safety.
3. Improving our manufacturing methods.
4. Reducing production costs.
5. Increasing production.
6. Improving equipment, tools, jigs, fixtures, etc.
7. Eliminating waste of time and materials.
8. Selecting better materials.

If you want further information on how the Suggestion System works, your foreman or department head will be glad to talk it over with you.

## Evening Electronic Courses

Arrangements are going ahead for conducting the winter series of evening electronic courses, which will get under way as soon as new classroom facilities are made available.

The Employee and Community Relations Department, which is in charge of the program, reminds prospective class members that no applications will be available through their foreman or department head as soon as desirable space is obtained.

Plans call for the winter series to include both "Elements of Electricity" and "Theory of Capacitors" in the series. The courses are voluntary and are open to all employees of the Company who wish to advance their technical knowledge of the basic sciences with which the Company is concerned.

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## EDITORIAL

### The Boss

What would you do if your butcher offered you a cut of meat that was obviously inferior? Or a trial of a new brand of coffee showed it was stale?

Chances are, you'd take that cut of meat right back; and you'd certainly not get stuck with that particular brand of coffee again.

You'd be proving that you — the customer — have real freedom of choice. You select just what you want. And demand it, when you're offered a poor substitute.

You are the real boss, then, because the food-packer and the butcher both have to please you. Let them fail to come up to your standards of quality and they suddenly find they've lost a customer.

Should they slip up on a wholesale scale, they'll likely find they've lost their business.

In a competitive, free market like ours, every business — whether it be the butcher, the baker, or the candle-stick maker — has to meet the quality and price standards of its public.

Each business has to keep ahead of its competitors by offering its customers continuously better merchandise at reasonable prices. Otherwise, the customer will surely start looking elsewhere.

The customer — YOU — are the boss.

Now let's turn this story right around, and look at it from the other side.

Let's put you in the manufacturer's position — because that's exactly where you really are — and see how it looks from that side.

Now you find that it's up to you — to all of us — to make sure we win and hold the respect of our customers by continuing to give them the quality they associate with the name of Sprague Electric.

Just as you would when the butcher offers you inferior meat, the customer will start looking elsewhere if we give him inferior quality.

The boss, then, in our business, just as in all others, is our customer. Every single person connected with Sprague Electric, is, in the final analysis, working for him.

The customer is the only person who can ultimately provide us with steady work, good pay, a fine place to work, and real security and peace of mind.

Let's keep ourselves worthy of him. Keep your own quality standards up, whatever part of our work you're performing. It's the best work insurance policy we know of.

## Know Your

### FOREMAN . . .

This month we would like to have you meet Clarence Chilson, Foreman of the Carpenter Shop.

Mr. Chilson and the capable employees who work with him are kept busy doing carpentry work at the three plants in North Adams. They repair the old and build the new. One of their most recent projects was the addition on the Employee and Community Relations Department at Marshall Street.

Clarence was born in North Adams and attended the local schools, graduating from Drury High.

His first job was with the Aberthorough Construction Company in Boston, where he was employed for two years. He then went to work in a shoe shop, first as an assistant foreman, and then as a foreman for three years. While living and working in Boston, he met his future wife, Lillian, who formerly lived in Cape Cod. As a couple of years rolled by, Clarence decided that working in the shoe factory wasn't



Clarence Chilson

what he wanted. He and his wife moved back to North Adams where he went into business with his father, doing general carpentry work and putting up ready-cut homes. Altogether he has put up 172 ready-cut houses around North Adams, Greenfield, Pittsfield and Adams.

In March of 1937, Clarence began working for the Company as a carpenter under his father, Edward, who was foreman of the shop at that time.

Clarence's son, Howard, joined his father and grandfather in the Machine Shop and together they comprised one of the very few three generation families working with Sprague Electric.

Clarence's pastime is puffing on his many cigars which he enjoys right on down to the end. When the fishing and hunting season opens, Clarence will always try his skill. Now and then he enjoys going bowling.

Every summer he and his wife look forward to the time that they can spend at the Cape resting in the sun.

Mr. and Mrs. Chilson make their home at 70 Meadow Street. They have three married sons, Bob, Howard and Harold.

Clarence has enjoyed every year of his life. At times, he says, he found things "tough", but they always ironed out. He feels that he owes his trade of today to his father, who helped him for so many years.

## At RETMA Industrial Relations Conference



The Radio Electronics-Television Manufacturers Association held an Industrial Relations Round Table Seminar, January 14 and 15 at the Morris Inn on the campus of Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana. Representatives of Sprague Electric were in attendance.

Forty-eight Industrial Relations representatives of leading RETMA member concerns met for the two day seminar. Each discussion was led by a representative of the RETMA member company with practical, every-day operating experience in his field.

The committee for this convention are pictured above, left to right:

David G. Christie, Sylvania Electric Products, Inc.; Robert E. Kelley, Assistant to the Secretary, Sprague Electric Co., representing the Herlec Corporation, a subsidiary of Sprague Electric; Frank E. Highton, General Electric Company; Harry Houston, chairman of the committee, Alan B. DuMont Laboratories, Inc.; Leslie E. Woods, Raytheon Manufacturing Company; Joseph A. Abbott, Federal Telephone & Radio Company and Courtney W. Flanders, Manager of Training and Community Relations, Sprague Electric Co.

This seminar was termed the most successful ever held by the Association.

## Medical Science Offers Encouraging News As Heart Fund Campaign Opens

If you are frightened by the words, "heart disease", here is some encouraging news. Science is making dramatic progress in the treatment, care and prevention of diseases of the heart and circulation, having advanced its knowledge further in the past 25 years than in all previous centuries combined.

Science has yet to learn the underlying causes of the major forms of heart disease. Nevertheless, according to Dr. Robert L. King of Seattle, President of the American Heart Association, which with its affiliates, is conducting the nationwide 1954 Heart Fund campaign throughout the month of February, advances already made have opened the way to important victories. Dr. King describes them in these words:

"These victories include surgical procedures and new drugs which can, in many cases, reduce high blood pressure, which threatens serious injury to the heart or kidneys, or brain.

"They include the prevention of rheumatic fever by prompt treatment with penicillin of streptococcal infections — which almost always precede initial or repeated attacks of rheumatic fever.

"Also included are drugs which interfere with the clotting of blood and thus reduce the possibility of fatal complications following heart attacks, which result from the formation of a blood clot in one of the arteries that nourish the heart muscle.

"Today, the surgeon's scalpel invades the heart almost as a routine matter, not only correcting defects which are present at birth, but also valves that have been dangerously scarred and narrowed as a result of rheumatic fever. Sometimes the scal-

pel works in a dry and bloodless field, as permitted by the recently developed 'artificial heart' which detours the blood stream around the human heart."

Dr. King points out that gains have not been confined to the laboratory and the operating room, explaining:

"Through our informational programs, physicians are being given swifter access to research findings and the nation as a whole is developing a new and more rational understanding of the heart problem.

"Gradually, we are rooting out and destroying harmful misconceptions and needless fears.

"We are making substantial progress in programs to enable heart sufferers, through rehabilitation and retraining, to continue as useful and productive members of society."

It is the view of Dr. King and other leaders of the American Heart Association that research is the key element in the fight against heart diseases.

While priority is necessarily given to research, contributions to the Heart Fund also support programs of professional and public education and community and state health programs, with the remainder going to advance the nationwide program of the American Heart Association.

One-half of all funds allocated to the American Heart Association are automatically earmarked for research through sponsorship of career investigatorships, established investigatorships, research fellowships and grants-in-aid.

Contributions to the 1954 Heart Fund may be sent directly to the local Heart Association, or to "HEART", care of any post office.



### Power Line, TV 'Bugs' Detailed By Movies

Common problems related to the maintenance of rural power lines and to television set interference were detailed for more than 100 employees recently at a motion picture show held at the Marshall Street plant cafeteria.

The showing, held on January 28, was conducted by Nathan M. Levinson of the Research and Engineering Department, whose work centers on the development of moduline equipment for power lines.

The motion pictures, all produced by the Rural Electrification Administration, were titled "Radio Interference from Rural Power Lines," "Typical Television Interference Patterns," and "Maintaining Good Voltage on Rural Electrification Systems."

Representatives from many of the Company's departments were among the audience.

### Welcome . . . New Employees

- Research and Engineering
- Virgil Gregory  
Horace Jackson  
Peter McKinney  
Victor Ragosine  
Hollis Hardy
- Production Engineering
- Elizabeth Mahoney
- Payroll
- Thelma Horahan  
Betty Nowell
- Sprague International
- Bessie Fairbanks
- Sales
- Helen R. Phelps
- Maintenance--Office
- Selma Sabin
- Network and Filter Development
- John Murphy
- Misc. Dry Rolling
- Gerald Hamel
- Sprague Products
- Bessie Wilson  
Janis Harrington

### Look Into The Future For Your Children's Sake: Proper Medical Care Is Essential

Are we doing right by our kids?

From some indications, no. In terms of their health, present, and future, we are letting them down. It is a recognized fact that many of the medical and dental conditions discovered in our youngsters by school health examinations are not followed up for treatment. Why?

Why is it that in one state, for instance, out of 37,000 children who were found to have something wrong with their eyes, less than 8,000 had been taken by their parents to the family physician by the time of the next school medical examination. This is not even 22 per cent. Why isn't the "follow-up" by parents greater, far greater?

Why is it that a study of four other communities found that, out of 363 school children who needed health corrections, only 166 had been taken to the doctor for treatment? Why, indeed!

Still another instance — Why is it that a study of selective service men's school health records in one community indicated that certain uncorrected defects led to later disqualification for military service?

Something's wrong somewhere. Many experts believe it is with us that the fault lies — with us, the proud parents of as many as 25,000,000 school age children. And, as the figures show, they are absolutely right. They say that many parents fail to follow up the recommendations by school health authorities to take our children to the family doctor or dentist to correct the defects pointed up by school medical examinations.

This is serious. We're playing with our youngsters' lives. Health defects in our youngsters can have permanent harmful effects later if they're not corrected or treated promptly. The figures previously mentioned illustrate this fact convincingly from the standpoint of our children's well-being and our national security.

It is such an important stake we

### Our Nation Needs Thoughtful Citizens

Just suppose that you were a Representative in Congress. Each day your desk is piled high with letters. It shows that good citizens are thinking and acting so that their representatives in Washington know what they want of the government.

But you're also confused. Some letters say, "Please introduce a bill to cut down expenditures. Our taxes are high now. Raising them will promote inflation."

Other letters demand, "I beseech you to urge Congress to appropriate funds for a swimming pool in our town. As a citizen, I cannot help but think it will add to the beauty of the community."

How would you decide what to do? How would you cast your vote?

It's no easy job being in public office. A good public servant must judge which measure will benefit his district and his country most effectively. And — especially in these times — he must judge which expenditures are really necessary.

To be a good citizen today requires much the same judgment it does to be a good Congressman. The citizen who asks for appropriations not absolutely necessary now helps to increase the cost of government. That expense is paid largely from the citizen's pocket-book — and your pocketbook — directly through taxation, and indirectly through higher cost of food, rent and clothing.

have in the health of our children that Health Information Foundation, of New York City, has granted funds to Pennsylvania State College to undertake a study in 22 Pennsylvania schools to develop and test techniques aimed at stimulating parents to have health defects in their children corrected. Results of this study promise to be of considerable help to citizens throughout the country to improve their community health standards.

We, as parents, must tackle this problem promptly. When the school notifies us that a health examination indicates Jimmy's teeth should be looked at by the family dentist, or that our physician should be consulted about a health condition noted in little Mary, the school means what it says. And we must not fail to follow up on these recommendations. We must do right by our kids . . . now. Even "tomorrow" isn't soon enough.

### Know Your REPORTERS . . .

This month this column is devoted to Isabel Jensen, Log reporter for the Research and Engineering Department for nearly one year.

Isabel has the unique responsibility of being the Company librarian. Up to the time when she was approached to take the position of setting up a library in June of 1951, there had been no library or librarian in the Sprague Electric Company. When a certain bit of information was sought, one of the girls would be called on to help locate it. There was no one definite person you could turn to for help.



Isabel Jensen

Having had previous experience in this type of work, Isabel accepted the position and thus our library came into existence.

Isabel had, while at Drury High School, worked in the North Adams Public Library part-time, and while she was in college, worked in the college library. After graduation, she continued to do this work at the college and then the following year returned to the North Adams library once again.

The Company library was set up mainly for the Research and Engineering Department and that was the real purpose of its early existence. However, it has since expanded greatly and now, besides serving the Research & Engineering Department, it serves all three North Adams plants and all other

### Servicemen's News

Sgt. Alfred J. Pedercini, son of Mrs. Gertrude Pedercini of this city, has returned to Camp Wood, Japan with the 187th Airborne Regimental combat team after serving two tours of duty in Korea.

The 187th "Rakkasans", made two combat jumps in Korea and fought as infantry with almost every U.N. division during the war.

Prior to Sgt. Pedercini's enlistment in February of 1951, he was employed in the Foil Preparation Department at Beaver Street.

Major Kathleen Burns, daughter of Mrs. J. R. Green of St. Petersburg, Florida, who is a native of Williamstown, has been chosen for a 20-week Advance WAC Course at Fort Lee, Virginia.

Prior to Major Burns' enlistment, she was employed in the Sales Office at Marshall Street.

### Shirley Parmenter Feted At Recent Bridal Shower

Thursday night, January 28th, was the night for the dinner and shower held in honor of Shirley Parmenter, Industrial Oils Cooler Department, who is to be married to Paul Bombardier on February 20. There were thirty-seven persons present and it really was a gala occasion. Anne Heath was Mistress of Ceremonies and called for toasts to the bride-to-be, which were given by Dora Downes, Millie Conroy, Martha Clark, Phyllis Brooks, and Bea Marsh. Evelyn Jones made the presentation speech and Shirley was honored with some lovely gifts.

A mock-wedding was performed with the following characters: Anne Heath, bride; Evelyn Jones, groom; Rita Charron, bridesmaid; Millie Conroy, best man; Dot Bastien, the minister; Dora Downes, father of the bride; Dot Daunais, flower girl; Jerry Delisle, ring bearer; and Bea Marsh, The Objector.

The costumes were out of this world and defy description. Many who couldn't be there sent best wishes for future happiness to the young couple.

### 'Phone Book Changes

The following additions have been made in the Sprague Electric Telephone Directory. It will be to your convenience to note these additions in your copy, pending issuance of a printed revision.

Armitage, Robert	
General Accounting	Ma. 422
Barnes, Walter	
Receiving	Ma. 204
Brooks, Jacqueline	
Equipment Engineering	Ma. 400
Bradford, Stephen	
Networks	Br. 51
Brosseau, Joan	
Employe Relations	Ma. 447
Daniels, Helen	
Sprague Products	Ma. 387
De Samsonow, Vassily	
Employe Relations	Ma. 397
Dube, Constance	
Personnel	Ma. 385
Gargal, Bette	
Sec'y to Dr. Morrison	Ma. 584
Ghidotti, Catherine	
Sec'y to Mr. O'Connell	Ma. 335
Gumbleton, John	
Employe Relations	Ma. 443
Haskins, John	
Research & Engineering	Ma. 310
Jobin, Helen	
Resistors	Br. 43
Lehovec, Gisela	
Research & Engineering	Ma. 557
McDonald, John	
Sprague Products	Ma. 387
Miller, Norman	
Prokar	Ma. 318
Moreau, Lawrence	
Material Control	Ma. 593
O'Connell, John	
Superintendent	Ma. 335
Patterson, Eleanor	
Research & Engineering	Ma. 406
Sheridan, John	
Coord'tor, Gov't Liaison	Ma. 483
Sherman, Hazel	
Sec'y to Mr. Fonteyn	Br. 65
Stackpoole, Bernard	
Networks	Br. 51

### Boy Scout Week

The Berkshire Council of the Boy Scouts of America joined with other organizations throughout the nation this week in celebration of Boy Scout Week.

Citizens of the nation proudly salute the Boy Scouts and their volunteer leaders, who give generously of their own time, often at personal sacrifice, to carry on this important work.

The scouting program develops youth in terms of physical and mental stature, and teaches valuable lessons in self-reliance.

Sprague Electric plants spread throughout the country. Isabel remarked that the library could rightly be called "The Information Bureau."

Isabel has built the number of volumes up to approximately 3,000 and she has 125 current periodicals on hand. Also available is a rather large microfilm library.

Born in Willsboro, New York, on March 20, 1929, Isabel came to North Adams in 1939. She attended local schools and was graduated from Drury High School in 1947 and Green Mountain Junior College in 1949. Isabel was married September 29 of the year she came to work at Sprague Electric. She now lives at 44 Marietta Street.

Isabel is a member of the Special Librarians Association and the New England section of the American Library Association.

Since Isabel spends so much of her time at work on books, (44 hours a week to be exact), one would think she would be glad to get away from them. However, reading is one of her favorite forms of relaxation. She also loves to cook and puts a great deal of time and effort into really making a meal something to be remembered. For sports, Isabel enjoys ice skating and swimming.

It is easy to tell from the way she talks and explains her work that Isabel is genuinely interested in her work. In her own words, she says her life revolves around her home and the library.

For those who may think that the library is rather a "stuffy" place to work: Isabel has two friends who stay in the library with her. They are Gladys and Humphrey, two goldfish, who are also the mascots of the library!

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# DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

## MARSHALL STREET "Memos"

### Tantalum Department

by Mary O'Dell

Daisy Major enjoyed her vacation starting January 26 catching up on some well deserved rest at home. A miniature wedding cake was presented to Edith Fachini and miscellaneous gifts of dish towels, pot holders, a vanity set and pillow cases were presented to her. The little get-together was held in the department. Jean Sprowson baked the cake and presented it, while Theresa King presented the gifts. We all wish Edith all the luck in the world in her marriage. Kay Mendell and hubby, Bill Mendell, foreman in Western Electric, enjoyed the annual management party held at the Pittsfield Country Club, January 30. Also present at the party was our Superintendent, John Puppulo and Mrs. Puppulo.

### Advertising Ad Libs

by Versus

In the absence of "Versus" who has taken the proverbial "leap" into matrimony, we are hereby setting down the happenings around Little Siberia. Virginia Suprenant, alias Versus, was married January 30 to Pvt. Ernest Haas. Congratulations, Virg, we hope you'll be very happy for years to come. Milt (Baldy) Cohen is collecting boxes these days along with decals and hot water. Better clear off that table Milt, we never know whether or not you're sitting behind those boxes. Charlie Wacker is so engrossed in his work these days that he even says goodnight when people greet him with "Hello". Fran Sifton's races are becoming famous around the office. Who do you like in the sixth, Fran? We all miss Helen Goodermote who has been out nursing her sick daughter. Hurry back, Helen. If you see Janice Fowler running through the corridors tearing her hair out, don't be alarmed, she's only trying to do three jobs at once. Hope you succeed, Jan. Joan Charbonneau has a problem. She wants to disassemble her typewriter and sell it piece by piece to the highest bidder. Hats off to Fran Canero who hates to remove his toque for fear of mussing up those curly locks. We all extend cordial greetings to Joan Rice, who has just joined the stockroom cuties.

### Personnel Department

by Those Two

Sydney Louison visited her sister in Brattleboro, Vermont, over the weekend and tells us she had a wonderful time. What about this week-end, Syd? Congratulations go to Miss Etta Owen who was recently re-appointed to the Board of Directors of the North Adams Community Nursing Service. and to Edith Matrangola, who was elected to the Social Committee for the Annual Italian Girls' Club Banquet. and to Lorraine Maloney on the birth of her new baby sister, Eileen Marie Delisle. We all envy Mr. Phelps his recruiting trips to the various colleges which will continue until late this fall. Any room in the trunk for us, Mr. Phelps? We enjoyed listening to the tape recordings of "The Sportsman Trio" who are Rachel Beverly's husband, Merritt, at the piano, Lee Hermansen, playing the guitar, and Don Moulton on the bass fiddle. If anyone wants good music, the "Sportsman Trio" has it. It

seems the only one in our department really enjoying our recent snowfalls is Mr. Washburn, a great ski enthusiast, who spends almost every week-end on the slopes.

### Employee and Community Relations Department

by Joan West

A pink and blue farewell luncheon in honor of Mrs. Marie Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Joyce Richards was held February 5 in the Marshall Street Cafeteria. A white carriage robe and baby sweater was presented to each of the girls. Marie left us February 5 and Joyce will be leaving shortly. We have enjoyed working with you both, and we wish you the best of luck in your new role as mothers. Mary Pat Riley was a weekend guest of her cousin, Joe McCormack, in Pittsford, Vt. "Mike" claims that her cousin is quite a basketball coach. He is coaching baseball and basketball at the Pittsford High School. Marie celebrated her birthday recently. She was presented with a cake and numerous useful articles such as rattles, pins etc., all which will be of great help in keeping her baby quiet. Pat Marsh and Pamela Christopher attended the Civic Music Concert of Luis Pichardo. From all reports, it was a very enjoyable evening. Toby Tobin is still spending her weekends on any snow-covered slope in the Berkshires. This girl really likes to ski.

### Research and Engineering

by Isabelle Jensen

On January 28 Nora Christie became a full-fledged citizen of the United States. She was one of 35 persons who, upon leaving the Pittsfield Courthouse, was presented with an American flag by a member of the D.A.R. Five years ago, Nora came to America with her mother from Brighton, Sussex. She has been with Sprague Electric for three and one half years. Sincere congratulations are extended to Nora on this happy day from everyone in Research. Welcome to Vicki Wnuk, who has joined the secretarial staff in Research. This is Vicki's first job with Sprague Electric, having graduated from Adams High School in 1953. Joan Haskins is planning a July wedding, that is if her Harry finishes their new home on time. They are building a six room house in Clarksburg. How lucky can one girl be to have a new home when she is first married?

### Dry Tubular Assembly

by Peg Champagny and Gladys Sullivan

On Claire Andrews birthday, January 28, some of her co-workers presented her with a lovely birthday cake. How does it feel to be 21, Claire? Lillian Boyer's son left for the service on January 14. Good luck and best wishes from all of us, Dick. James Todd, formerly of this department, now stationed in Korea, is counting the days when he will again be back with us. Jim says it's just 156 days more in Korea and then back to the good old U.S.A. He also noted he would like to hear from some of his co-workers. Rena Roy is a proud grandmother again. Her daughter, Mrs. Walter Gajda, had a bouncing baby boy on January 30. Mrs. Marie Domenichini's son, 2nd Lieut. Joseph Domenichini, was home on a ten-day leave from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he received his Lieutenant's bars upon graduating from the Artillery Officer Candidate School.

### Dry Tubular Finish

by Marjorie Hauptfleisch

Knitting has taken hold in this department. Lillian LeClair is just learning. She is starting off in a big way by knitting a sweater for her husband. Leonore Tarnuzzer and Marjorie Hauptfleisch are making scarfs. Lillian Grande is making hats and bedroom slippers. We are all sorry to hear of Mary Morrucci's operation for appendicitis. Hope you will get well fast and be back with us again soon. George LaFontaine, our check inspector, is putting in a new furnace. Good luck to you, George. Lillian LeClair's brother-in-law, Ronnie LeClair, is quite the fixer. We understand there isn't anything he can't repair, whether it be electrical, plumbing or carpentry work.

### Field Engineering Dept.

by Carole Clarke

We notice that Joan Southgate and Carole Clarke have exchanged positions. Good luck to both of you on your new jobs. Who says office girls aren't sports-minded? Henia Orlowski and yours truly have been comparing notes to see who took the funnier falls on the ski slopes lately. Who won? Joan Southgate claims she did a really "pro" job of sweeping off the ice on the skating rink the other night, and Marion Sewell, Betty Galbraith, and Marion Matney are still talking about the bowling scores. Alice Herrmann has recovered from a sprained ankle. Glad to see you're better, Alice. We understand Carole Clarke and Joan Russell got nice and warm at Sheep Hill on the coldest day of the year. Could it be because of a borrowed alpena blanket? Congratulations to Joan Russell and her "tree" it just gave birth to a baby leaf. Sympathy to Carole on the death of her goldfish.

### Round Midget Assembly

by E. B. Ryan

During the absence of your former reporter Jennie Garceau, I have been asked to report your notable doings and sayings for posterity. Because of the efficient and commendable service she rendered you, this is a difficult assignment and one which might well faze any cub. I can but hope to emulate her qualifications in this column and hope that the lay-off which deprived us of her services will be a short one, and Jennie will be back with us soon wielding her powerful pen. Have you heard the many favorable comments about the pert, saucy bow ties worn so dashing by Mary Marra; the new and oh-so-becoming hairdo sported by Mona Turgeon; the versatility of Vi Leveque, who flits from one job to another and performs each in an effortless and efficient manner; or had you noticed the naturally pink-tinted cheeks of Norma Skorupski, which have earned for her the nickname of Pinky, and which are the envy of all our teen agers; the melodious and heart-warming laughter of Dosie Gaudette; the enthusiasm and bird lore spouted by our new parakeet owners, Midge Valotta and Alice Dydowicz; the roguish charm of George Ross, who so capably kept the solder stoves in repair; and the personnel reasonably happy, during the serious bout suffered with virus pneumonia by our regular service man, Jimmy Canale? Incidentally Jimmy is back, fit as a fiddle and glad we are to have him. Celia Shanahan is in the market for a Nature Book on Animals. Seems Cele has her hibernating animals confused. Can anyone oblige? May I remind you,

"Midgeteers", that this is your column, not mine, that I shall serve but as an instrument to convey your news to the medium of your LOG. I shall be readily available. STOP ME — TELL ME — I'LL TELL THE LOG.

### Maintenance Department

by Audrea Bowen

Co-workers celebrated Dorothy Buzzell's birthday on January 21 by having dinner at Florini's. Included in the group were Audrea Bowen, Joan Paradise, Dorothy St., Hilaire, Marian Beattie, Tom Dion, and Charles Dean. Dorothy was presented with a lovely handbag. Andrew Girgenti has been working in the new North Carolina plant during the month of January. He returned, after spending a week at home, accompanied by Allen McClain, one of the men in the millwright department. Jeanne Murphy's husband, John, has been employed by Sprague Electric after receiving his discharge from the Navy, Submarine division. Jeanne is clerk in Clayton Hynes' office. WANTED: Perfect skiing conditions not later than February 13, by one ski enthusiast who is the owner of a beautiful red ski sweater and new skis. Marian Beattie of the Maintenance Control Department will gladly receive any information about snowstorms at the risk of being unpopular with the local snow removal crew. Charlie Dean, Andrew Girgenti, Maurice Chonard, Peter Jobin and Arthur Caron were among the maintenance foremen who attended the annual management dinner held in Pittsfield on January 30. All reports describe the event as an outstanding success.

### Flat Midget Assembly

by Carmie

We hope that Connie Simon is resting well these days. We hear that she had quite a time finding a couch to please her. Nickie Fulginiti was quite surprised the other day when someone replayed a recording of his voice. Nickie just couldn't believe it was his voice. It's nothing like the good old days for Maude Crews. At times we wish we could bring them back for her. Congratulations to Patricia LeClaire on the birth of a baby daughter. We hope she will be a great joy and success in the coming years. There's no one like Tony Martin for Eva Daldoss; and Julius LaRosa for Lillian Trombley. They both have quite a time. But it looks like Eddie Fisher beats them both. What do you say, girls? Mrs. Ida Brooks was really surprised when some of the girls got together and gave her a beautiful corsage, dinner, blouse and wallet for her 64th birthday. The corsage was made by Peggy Slater. Her day was complete when she had her picture taken with the girls later on in the day. We all hope you have many happy years. Congratulations to Daniel Donovan, who recently became a grandfather. Belated birthday greetings to Amelia Couture.

### Ceramics Department

by Emma Maruco

We are happy to hear that Edward Mulvaney's mother is back home from the hospital and we hope she will be completely well soon. Those on vacation from our department are Lena Grillone and Harold Burdick; recently returning is Alma Haley. Instead of taking her usual vacation trip this season, we have learned that Ann Little stayed at home and did some

painting around the house. We are glad to hear that Peter Pinsonnault enjoyed his two week trip to Florida. Congratulations to the new grandmother in our department, Viola Tanguay. We also would like to extend best wishes to Norma Dargis, a former employee in our department, on her recent marriage. She is the daughter of Viola Tanguay. Leo Cyr certainly can cheer the place up with his singing. Louise Bentley made a delicious cherry cake for Marjorie Pytko's birthday.

### Building 7 Offices

by Betty Bogus and Joan Paradise

Marion Pinsonnault has returned from a three week trip to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Marion was gone the first three weeks in January, just when we Berkshires were freezing.

### Building No. 3

by Shen and Lee

We are glad to see Margaret Eecher so happy these days. Russell's Fraternity Pin certainly has boosted her spirits. Glad to see you so happy, Margaret. We are sorry to see Janice Russett hobbling around on one foot. Hope the sprain doesn't hurt too much, Jan. The stores in North Adams are certainly taking advantage of the girls in the Products, especially during their week of sales. Remember girls, we don't want the clerks to get tired of seeing all your lovely faces. Lorraine Lamoureux went to Burlington, Vermont, for dinner Saturday, January 30. That's an awfully long distance for a girl to travel just for dinner! Loretta Toomey went to Winoski, Vermont, January 30, for her nephew's wedding. We understand Loretta's hair-do was exceptionally pretty that day. Arlene Tatro has been beaming lately for some reason. Could it be because Dave will be home for good? Rita English certainly makes a good hair dresser. She proved it with the excellent job she did cutting and fixing Ginger's hair. Pat Nutting has started her "China" set. Very pretty pattern, Pat.



### Metal Clad (Nights)

by Theresa Thomas

Hazel Camadine and Kay LaBombard each enjoyed a two-week vacation resting at home. Did I say resting? Martha Choquette looks so happy lately. Don't you think so? The reason for this is because she recently moved into a newly built home on East Road in Clarksburg. We all wish you lots of happiness in your new possession. Rita Abusi has joined us again after being out sick with the virus. Mae Ryan plans on taking frequent trips to Boston to visit her son who is now stationed there. Gaetane Allard is spending her vacation in Canada, where she is visiting her parents. Congratulations to Terry Worthington, who has been elected union representative.

### Paper Rolling (Day Shift)

by Rusty and Dussy

In case anyone wonders who "Ma" is in our room, it's Frannie Miles, and "Slim" is none other than Hank Lepicier. Roseann Shakar was serenaded by the testers on her birthday, February 2. The happy birthday



sounded pretty good...Eileen McKenna is sporting a new hair cut and a new car. Both look pretty sharp, Eileen...Hope Jerry Dutcher is feeling better by this time. Jerry recently underwent an operation... Anyone feeling sick, please call Nancy Cook and Marcia Sweet, two of our pretty nurses aides at the North Adams Hospital...Since Claire Shabot became Claire Senecal, she is looking slimmer. Could it be because of your own cooking? Claire made a very lovely bride January 9. Two of her pretty bridesmaids were Joan Horn and Irene LaFleur. In spite of a snow storm, everyone had a wonderful time at the wedding.

Metal Clad Finish

by Veronica and Doris

Our new bride is back at work — Mrs. Theresa (Coutu) Dube was married December 26. Theresa spent her honeymoon in New York. Her husband, A/2c John Dube of North Adams, went back to France to finish his tour of duty with the Air Force at Chateauroux...Another recent bride is Mrs. Mary (Bowman) Hart, who was married January 2. Mary was in Florida and Nassau, Bahamas on her honeymoon. Her husband, James, of Williamstown, is in the construction business with his brother, Henry... Mrs. Bertha Moreau is back from Oklahoma and on the job. She left December 19 by automobile, accompanied by her husband. They visited her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Racette. Her son-in-law received his discharge from the service January 14 and now the family is complete and all at home...Alice French and Margaret Moore are out sick. Here's wishing a speedy recovery to the both of you...Mrs. Gloria Jagiello is back with us after a year's absence. Gloria gave birth to a daughter, Mary Ann, who is now eight months old.

Bathtub Assembly

by Dora Landry

Teresa Paquin's son, Thomas, has joined the Air Force and is stationed at Sampson, New York. Tom left January 5...We are glad to have Irene Pigeon back with us again. Irene was in the Adams hospital several days. We are glad she was able to return home with her appendix intact...Laura Skowron and Eleanor Plankey were guests-of-honor at a birthday party for them on January 26. Both girls were celebrating their birthdays. Laura and Eleanor received lovely gifts...Eleanor Durocher is out on vacation. We hope Eleanor has a good rest and is feeling much better when she returns...Nancy Briggs, Lola Gigliotti, Muriel Bentley and Pearl Berti have been transferred to the Metal Clad Department. Good luck girls, and come back to B.T.A. real soon.

Metal Clad Surplus

by Rita Johnson

Mary Bator celebrated another birthday January 1. She didn't tell us which one — our birthday club presented her with a decorated cake and a set of Libby glasses to match her set...On January 25, Bess Lacy celebrated hers and we gave her a decorated cake and nylon lingerie for her trousseau. Bess has named the day—May 15...The welcome mat is extended to the new girls in our department. Hope you like working with us, and we hope to see the ones who have left returning soon...Roma Sweeney and her husband spent the weekend in Nor-

wich, Conn., and went night clubbing in New York...We are sorry to hear Shirley Keating is sick, but glad to know her husband is home now after serving at the Submarine Base in New London, Conn., for the past two years... Although it's rather late, I would like to announce the birth of twin girls to Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lyons of Adams, Mass. Mrs. Lyons is the former Laurette Leveque, who has worked with us for some time...Good luck and best wishes to Gladys Montgomery, who is on leave of absence. Before her departure the girls gave her a pink and blue shower...Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Lydia Sherman, who is confined to Plunkett Memorial Hospital following an operation...The only one who wanted to venture out during sub-zero weather was Ann Spagnola, who took a long hike with out realizing how cold it was — the outcome was she chilled her legs...Good luck to Carole Leonard who recently left for an office position at the Arnold Print Works in Adams. Before leaving, Carole was presented appropriate gifts...Helen Sikora and Hank Gamari received a purse of money from their birthday club members...Good luck and best wishes to Norman Gamari, who has been transferred from Check Inspection in our department to Brown Street. We all miss you...We extend a welcome to Walter Gould, our new check inspector...Although we all envy Ruth Jackson, we all miss her. Ruth retired from Sprague Electric December 18, having been employed for twenty-three years. The past seven years she was a tester with Casimer Ziemiak, and prior to that she worked with Alfred Bergeron. Before leaving, Ruth was presented with appropriate gifts by her co-workers and she is now spending the winter in Bradenton, Florida. We wish you the best of happiness...Ann Gorcyka has returned to work following many weeks of illness. Ann wishes to thank everyone who was so kind to her and for the many cards sent during her stay at the hospital.

Deepest sympathy to Anne Downey, whose sister passed away February 1. Deepest sympathy to Theresa Keil, whose father passed away January 29.

Paper Impregnating

by Agnes Fitzgerald

Francis Bennet has been ill with the grip. Hope you are feeling better...Eva Thibordeau's daughter, Marjorie, was married January 18. Marjorie and her husband will make their home in Omaha, Nebraska...Agnes Fitzgerald recently celebrated her birthday...Charles Roy and Joe Breda could not start their cars during the cold, freezing mornings recently...Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Downey spent the weekend in Stamford...Mr. and Mrs. Joe Breda in Greenfield with their son and family...Agnes Fitzgerald in Paxton, Mass...Carmela Scalise had her son and his wife as weekend guests...Margaret Bridgman was thrilled with the lovely clock her nephew, Pvt. Robert Harrington, sent his mother from Germany...Neal Roy has joined the hat parade — she was seen wearing one of the cute pixie hats.



General Salvage

by Haf

Bill Collier's wife, Mary, has returned home from the hospital, where she spent a few days under observation...Walter Maynard of Clarksburg is the proud father of a son, born February 2.

Misc. Resistor Assembly

by Jean Levy

It seems everyone in our room (or most everyone) has the knitting fever. Rose Murray has made ski socks for one of her sons and now is attempting a sweater...Blanche Tatro has been making cable-knit caps, and the next one is always prettier than the last... Julia Sullivan is knitting socks for her son, Pat...Mina Rondeau is making baby sets for her grandchildren...Jean Levy is busy working on socks and bedroom slippers...Bobbie Mantello is making cable hats for her daughters...Rita Brooks is still out sick. Hurry back, Rita, we all miss you. Hope you feel better every day.

Industrial Oils

by Ann Heath

Second Lt. William R. Mumford, Jr., son of Emily, was home for ten days. William was stationed at Las Vegas, Nevada. On his return he will go to the Far East...We were sorry to see Don Aragoni go back to his department on Marshall Street. We enjoyed having Don with us...Best of luck on your new job, George Graziola. George was transferred to the Rolling Department...We miss you both...We are all glad to see Win Emery back after her illness...Welcome to John Merrigan, a new addition to our department. He worked in the Molding Department prior to his transfer. Get your war paint on, gals. He is a "bach", and a nice one...Congratulations to Lou Vincelette, who has been made Acting Foreman of Paper Networks...The new atomic bomb was perfected in Blackinton when Alma Pratt baked Bill an angel food cake. It almost floated the stove out the window.

Mica Mutterings

by Sam Vince

We would like to welcome back to our department Dot Rumbolt, Ida Little and Ronnie Hurlbert. Dot has returned from a short layoff, and is now working on Stacking rather than Soldering...Ida has been transferred back to the department from Industrial Oils and is back on her old job of Punching...Ronnie was transferred from check inspection at Beaver Street to his old job of branding. Seems like he couldn't stay from the good old Mica Department...We wish to welcome the new employes, who are Madeline Folino, Caroline Wolkowicz and Ruth Pindick. Madeline and Caroline have been transferred to our department from Resistors, where they were Cementing. Ruth previously worked on final soldering of eyelets for Jack O'Leary. We wish you girls the best of luck on your new jobs in Stacking... We would also like to welcome Elsie LaBonte, Eleanore Bechard, and Theresa Perini from Mica Molding The PMF line to which they are connected has been moved to our department...One of the girls here, who would like her name anonymous, has written this little story using some of our co-workers names. "From the 'Solar' system, a 'Little' 'Rumbolt' of thunder 'Sears' your ears in a 'Bass' voice. As 'Collins' restores your poise, you listen to 'Martin' sing "That's Gamari", and even aloud 'Bua' couldn't scare you. You 'Gurney' to your destination and your very 'Busby' as the Chinese would say, you 'Shippee' the stock to the 'Bombardier' of the plane. And I'll 'Wager', that if this little piece of nonsense doesn't make 'Vince', your sense of humor is out of whack.

K V A Stockroom

by Ace Samia

During the month of January new faces have shown up in the stockroom. Del Barbeau and Evelyn Laliberti are the newest. Del was with us during the summer, was transferred to Marshall Street, and is now back with us... Del and Al Ferrara both seem to enjoy working together, 'cause there is never a dull moment. Evelyn, who was transferred from Small Orders, is as chipper and jolly as a baby with its first toy. We welcome you both... First let's turn to the shady side of the street! Chris Schultz is coming along fine since her illness and will soon be with us...Dean Brown is suffering with a common illness known as a cold. He can hardly speak. Well, Dean, it is a good thing you're not a woman. It would be a tragedy not to be able to speak...Not only was January a cold month, but it seems half of the help in the stockroom have colds. Vivian and Alcide are also on a coughing spree... Now for the sunny side of the street! Frank Osterhoudt is displaying a beautiful set of auto seat covers which were given to him by his wife. As for the occasion, we have yet to know...I have always wanted to know why Marie Ducharme heads the line in checking out after the day's work. Now it can be told: Marie's husband, Moe, is always waiting for her even after ten years of marriage. What's going to happen after twenty years?...Tiny Mancini just isn't the same boy any more. It is amazing what a pretty girl can do to a fellow...Anyone interested in getting another TV channel on your set? Just contact Al Guisti and Harold Brown. The boys came in one morning and claimed that, after working on Al's set, they were able to get a Rhode Island channel. After all fellows, isn't that stretching it a little too far?...In my last report I told you that Al Ferrara and yours truly were taking up skiing for a pastime. Well, the time has passed, and Al and I have given up the sport and we are leaving all the snow to the experts. If anyone is interested in purchasing two new sets of skiis, hardly used, and two pairs of ski pants, contact Al or myself...Recently Marie Dargie was chosen queen of the stockroom and no better choice could have been made. We also wanted to pick the king of tall-tales, and figure it is a draw between Armand Trottier and Ralph Burdick... Happy Birthday to Al Ferrara, who was twenty-one recently. We were all dying to see what Al's girl, Bert, gave him. He finally showed it to us — a "Hang-over Kit", all equipped with essential stock including a can of tomato juice. However, knowing Bert, that is only a teaser. We all surprised Al with a cake and twenty-eight candles. So sorry, Al, we didn't mean to reveal your age...As the saying goes, "an apple a day keeps the doctor away." Julie Dolle must be doing the same. Julie is just about the only one who hasn't a cold...Jimmy Goewey, our degreaser, is one of the most energetic fellows I have met. After working all day on the degreaser, Jim goes to the Y.M.C.A., where he has taken up wrestling. With your build Jim, we may be seeing you on television Saturday nights.

Industrial Oil Cooler News

by Gert

The Cooler has changed so in the last few weeks that it will take a while to locate everyone. No. 1 table in the Cooler has been moved to the Cooler Annex, and the group which moved with it include Cele Bouchard, Betty Cota, Marion Bernat, Mary Dean, Eleanor Brooks and Linda Cozzaglio. The No. 2 table has been moved to the No. 1 position next to the Reserved section. New rolling machines have been put in the No. 2 position and will

soon be in running order. We keep growing all the time!...Dora Downes, Vic Bissaillon, and Dot Bastien finally worked up enough courage and had their ears pierced. That leaves just a few of us who still can't find the courage to have it done...Jimmy Cozzaglio will soon be back from his trip to Italy, and Linda is counting the days until he'll be home again...Gladys Kirkpatrick is so happy to have her son Donald Giroux home from Japan. Donald has been stationed at Yokahama, Japan, for the past two and a half years and says that being home feels pretty good...The Cooler gang is planning a sleighride for the very near future. It will have to be soon, while we still have snow left. It's apt to be here today and gone tomorrow, so we'd better get busy.

K V A Department

by Alma Pratt and Frank Santelli

Frank Kolis must like to fish through the ice, because Frank Santelli's ice chopper is missing and Frank Kolis is doing all the laughing...Every morning we hear Bill Pasotti's old Ford pulling into the parking lot. The story is that Bill's Plymouth can't make the hill so he drives the old Ford to work. But don't laugh, fellows, you too will be old some day...We had a birthday party in honor of Frank Santelli on January 13. Elinor Alibozek baked a lovely, heart-shaped cake for him. Frank says he was "27" years old, but Al Pratt's only comment was, "I'd hate to be hanging since you were 27." Anyway, we had a nice time, didn't we, Frank?...We have a new Mr. America in our department. He, as you probably know, is Carl Estes. We will all miss you when you go back to the Molding Department...Ronnie Pratt asked his mother for money for the March of Dimes fund. When asked what the March of Dimes is for, Ronnie replied, "So all the little kids that have polio can run and play like I do."

Industrial Oils Cover Assembly

by Flo Lang and Isabel Witherow

Mrs. Mary Kelly's son, Jimmy, arrived home from Germany where he had been stationed with the Air Force. The highlight of his homecoming was seeing his nine-month old daughter, Nancy, for the first time. After a few doubtful glances at her Daddy, Nancy decided she liked what she saw and the two are now inseparable. Jimmy's next destination is Florida and this time his wife and daughter will accompany him. His wife is the former Virginia Reese of Resistors. Needless-to-say we'll all miss hearing about the antics of Nancy, the little girl with the big personality...Evelyn Therrien and Daisy Meland and their husbands spent a recent weekend at the Touraine Hotel in Boston. They saw several shows and in general had such a good time. They are already planning their next trip...Blanche Franceschini is eagerly looking forward to that date from New Jersey...Both of Mary Koczela's sons in Korea have received promotions. Stanley has been promoted to Corporal and Joseph is now a PFC...We wish Pat Bontempi would make some more of her famous "Veal Scallopini". We have sampled it here and there, but as yet have found none to equal hers...Our ladies' man, Harry Rondeau, has been doing a lot of reading lately and consequently has no time for the fair sex. He wills all his telephone numbers plus oodles of advice on how to keep those girls happy, to Alec Murach and Henry Armata.

Sympathy is extended to Joseph Guertin upon the death of his wife.

## LOG Reporter Describes Silver Skates Exhibition

(The following is an article written by LOG reporter Charles Felix, Resistors, who is well-known as one of North Adams' great skaters.)

The 19th Annual Silver Skates Derby was held in Boston Garden on January 31st. Six hundred and fifty-three enthusiasts were entered in the numerous events for speed skating, while 16 specialists performed various exhibitions of figure skating, barrel jumping, stilt skating, acrobatic and comedy skating.

Tenley Albright, the world's figure skating champion, who was the featured performer, put on a delightful act, but it was Jane Weiss of Walpole, Mass., making her 15th appearance in the Silver Skates Derby, and Sylvia Tilly of Weston, an acrobatic skater making her first appearance, who seemed to draw the best hand from the 13,000 fans and spectators packed in the Garden.

In the speed skating events, only two local skaters competed — Bobby Dunn, in the intermediate class and "Chuckie" Felix in the Mitey Atom Derby. Young Dunn placed second in the half-mile trial, but failed to place in the one mile final.

"Chuckie", three-year-old son of yours truly, didn't win any prize, but got a great kick out of skating in his initial Silver Skates Derby. He still thinks the official who took his hand and helped him around couldn't skate very well, and that he, (Chuckie), was helping the official.

The trip was made to Boston with Victor Gay of the Resistor Department who, incidentally, received a thrill from witnessing the derby. Others in the party were Mrs. Eleanor Felix and Peter Jennings.

The derby gave me my first chance to actually see how valuable my LOG press card really can be. With this means of identification I was fortunate to get pictures from all sections of the Garden and even the star performers were very co-operative.

## Social Security

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the person who paid the worker's burial expenses. This lump sum will be paid even when there is a survivor who is immediately eligible for monthly insurance payments.

### How do you earn these insurance payments?

By earning enough in wages or self-employment income over a sufficient length of time in work that comes under the law. These requirements are measured in "quarters of coverage".

### What is a quarter of coverage?

The calendar year is divided into four 3-month periods of "quarters", beginning January 1, April 1, July 1, or October 1. Each calendar quarter in which an employee is paid wages of \$50 or more in covered employment is a "quarter of coverage" for determining his insurance status under social security.

A self-employed person gets four quarters of coverage for each year in which his self-employment income is \$400 or more.

Can a person now over 65, and who has not previously been employed in work covered by law, become eligible for benefit payments?

Yes. If he attains age 65 before July 1, 1954, he needs only six quarters of coverage (about a year and a half of covered work) to become eligible for social security payments.

### Does work performed after age 65 count towards social security?

Yes. As long as a person continues in covered employment, or earns over \$400 a year in self-employment, regardless of age, his earnings up to \$3,600 in a taxable year will be credited toward his social security account. His wages or self-employment income must be reported and the social security tax must be paid.

### What kinds of work count toward social security?

Among the kinds of work which count toward social security protection are employment in commerce and industry, most kinds of non-farm self-employment, regular farm work, regular household work in private homes, Federal employment not covered by another retirement system, and "short-term" work in the railroad industry.

Under certain conditions, employees of religious, charitable, educational, and some other nonprofit organizations, and employees of State and local governments may come under the law.

### Does a person have to be in need before he can claim payments?

No. A retired worker, his wife or widow, and usually minor children, may qualify for benefits without regard to their financial resources, such as savings, property or other insurance. However, husbands, widowers, parents, and sometimes minor children, are required to establish that they had been dependent for at least half their support on the worker on whose record they claim benefits.

### Can a person receive monthly insurance payments if he has income from any sources besides earnings from work?

Yes. A person may receive monthly payments even though he has income from capital investment, annuities, rentals from real estate, dividends from stocks, interest on bonds, or pensions.

### Must everyone whose work is covered by social security have a social security account number?

Yes. The earnings records are kept by machines that use both the worker's name and his account number. Each employee whose work is covered by the law should show his employer his social security card, which bears his social security account number. Each self-employed person whose work is covered by the law will need a social security account number when he makes his Federal income and social security tax report. It is also a good idea to keep this card in a safe, handy, place, known to someone besides yourself.

### Is it possible to know how much money I have accumulated in my Social Security deductions?

Yes. This may be done by applying for a status of account each year at the nearest social security headquarters, which in this case, would be the Field Office, Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

## BROWN ST. BRIEFS

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### Networks Department

by Mae and Marie

First of all, we would like to say hello to all our co-workers in our new room. Hope you like working with us. We have recently moved down to Brown Street from Marshall Street. Get well wishes go to Marie LeMoine, who is home recuperating from an operation. Hurry back, Marie, we miss your daily chatter. Congratulations to Julia Gregalis, who has a new granddaughter. Clear the road, everyone! Doris Krol has a new Ford and really goes to town now. Good luck to "Roz" Vinclette on her new job. Roz worked with us for awhile then went to another department and is now working in Networks Sample Lab at Marshall Street. Glad to see Angie Pontier is feeling and looking better.

### Molded Tubulars Section Solder

by "Tillie"

Vincent Matranga, our supervisor, went to Lake Placid, N. Y., the weekend of January 23. Vincent spent a good deal of his weekend building a stairway in his new home. From all reports he did a wonderful job. As for Emily Post, how to discard a piece of gum? For the correct answer you can ask Alice Bard. Now we come to the style department: for information regarding styles see Helen Baxter, especially where hats and blouses are concerned. The mishap of this early year: Alice Bard falling, not once, but twice, over a foot stool. Alice, when was the last time you saw the eye doctor? Rumors say Clinton Ger-

## Safe Driving Begins With Car Care

As automobiles become more expensive and complex with gadgets like power brakes, power steering, air conditioning and 12-volt ignition, the need for regular maintenance is greater than ever before.

A regular preventive maintenance program can eliminate the headache and expense of big repair bills and roadside breakdowns. Keeping up your car is essential toward getting the most out of it, and, after a winter of hard driving, even the most expensive car needs service. The more your car costs, the more it pays you to give it regular service.

1. Take a good look at the underside of your car each time it's on a grease rack. This may save you trouble and expense later. Examine tires for nails, breaks and uneven tread wear. Check the muffler for rusted-out spots; driving with a leaky muffler can be fatal. Also, look for oil leaks around the transmission, differential and universal joint. Oil seals can fail, draining lubricants out of important gears.

2. Check all your car's lights periodically to prevent a "blackout" while driving at night. Otherwise, your first warning of darkened tail lights may be another car crashing into your rear.

3. Your car's engine demands a diet of clean air, fuel and oil. Car manu-

facturers install filters to do the job and these should be cleaned at regular intervals. The most important of these, the oil filter, requires a clean refill about every 5,000 miles. Oil soon becomes contaminated with dirt and grit entering through the air intake and crankcase breather, and from the burning of gasoline. The oil filter traps as much as three pounds of impurities. But your filter can become so clogged, it can't trap any more abrasives and sludge — leaving them free to damage costly engine parts.

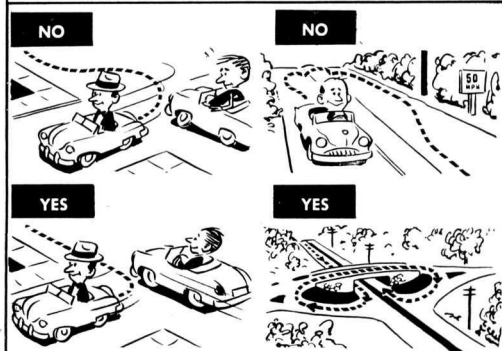
4. Check body and chassis bolts when getting your car ready this spring. Loose bolts allow the car to develop squeaks and rattles that may cause extensive wear through vibration. If a torque wrench is available, use it according to specifications of the car maker.

5. Frequent brake adjustment and relining when needed are just as necessary to the operation of your car as gasoline. Gas gives you "go" when you need it. Brakes provide the "stop."

Regular, year-round car care means safer driving and operation of your car. Besides getting more out of your motoring dollar, you help make our nation's highways safer by eliminating mechanical failures while your car is in motion. And that means you and your family are safer too.

## SAFETY CORNER

### PROPER TURNING HELPS PREVENT ACCIDENTS



To make a right hand turn stay well over to the right. Avoid a wide sweep into the other lane. To go left, keep well over on the outside lane. For both turns use proper hand or mechanical signals to let motorists know what you are going to do. The

practice of making U turns is dangerous. If you have to do so pull over and stop. Make sure the road is clear in both directions before making a turn. On a high speed highway, don't make this kind of a turn, until you can do so safely.

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main is going into real estate business?? or farming?? Which?

Sympathy is extended to Beatrice Day upon the death of her father-in-law.

### Paper Rolling

by M. and M.

Congratulations go to Margaret Petravice, who has taken over Catherine Ghidotti's duties in the P.A.A. office. At lunch time, recently, the girls in our department had pizza pies sent in. Much to our surprise, we each ate a whole one. We must be a healthy lot here. Rose Pasotti brought in a sample of dandelion greens that her brother dug up near their home. Imagine having native greens to eat in February. Terry Pinonneault has been out on sick leave. We all wish her a speedy recovery. Also on our sick list have been Esther Moretini, Pauline Buletti and Dorothy Meiklejohn. We all agree that Nancy Hurley looks very cute with her new hair-do. It is amazing to see the number of high school basketball fans we have in this department. It is too bad that we don't feel the same about the ability of each team. Nevertheless, the subject keeps our lunch period lively.

### Pulse Transformers

by Ruth A. Richmond

With this issue we find the opening of a new department under the direction of John Muldowney, capably assisted by Steve Bradford and Gray Christie. Among us we find many new and old

faces. A very hearty welcome to Alice Green, Lena Kerr, Margaret Dickenson, Helen Murphy, Mary Milos, Ann Zoito, Doris Armstrong, Mary LaDame, Doris Daniels, Margaret Cutler, Gladabelle Ross, Alice Moncechi, Isabele Lipinski, Stephanie Leja, Viola Gamari, Shirley Smith, Viviane Maynard, Fran Solari and Leo Lemoine. What would life be like if Margaret Dickenson didn't sing us "Ricochet" once in awhile? Mary Milos didn't bring in that terrific fudge? Gray Christie lost his sense of humor? Alice Moncechi couldn't go to the Eagles on Friday nights? Alice Green couldn't go to Pownall every Thursday night? Doris Armstrong couldn't eat four doughnuts for breakfast? Happy mothers for the month are Isabele Lipinski, whose son is on the way home from Germany after three years; Helen Murphy, whose son is home from Hartwick College for the mid-term recess; and Gladabelle Ross, whose son is home on leave from Fort Dix. Over the weekend Ann Zoito welcomed home her brother, M/Sgt. Dominic Mierzejewski, after five years in England. The reason why we see Shirley Smith buying stationery every week is this: each night she writes hubby in Korea a ten or twelve page letter. Can anyone in the department top that? Good going, Shirley. Sorry to hear Jane Martin is hospitalized for a minor operation. Do hope you will be back with us soon.



# Log Pictorial . . . . . Employees, Servicemen, Sprague Sprouts



It was happy birthday! to Mrs. Ida Brooks of the Flat Midget Assembly department, Marshall Street plant, who was 64 years old on January 31. Her fellow employees got together and staged a surprise party for Mrs. Brooks, and here's how they looked for the affair. In the usual order, Alice Domin, June Gross, Loretta Millette, Clara Cotetti, Rose Lancot, Olive Crandall, Mrs. Brooks, Aurelia Couture, Vi Levesque, Ora Boyer, Yvonne Ross, Maude Crews, and Jean Shambau. In the back row are Aileen Mazza, Hazel Lilli, Janet Mahar, Peggy Slater, Betty McConnell, and LOG reporter Carmela Mancuso.



Richard Hugh Estes, four months, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Estes. Walter is in the Ceramic Laboratory, Marshall Street plant. Mrs. Estes formerly worked in Metal Clad Small Order.



Beverly Ann Mahar, who was two on January 24, is the daughter of Janet Mahar, Flat Midget Assembly, Marshall Street plant. Many happy returns, Beverly Ann!



Little Chuckie Felix, of North Adams, and Leo O'Connell, Wilmington, Vermont, both three, were two of the contestants in the "Midget Atom Class" of the recent Silver Skates Derby in Boston. Chuckie is the son of Charles Felix, Resistors, Brown Street Plant, who is one of the Berkshires' greatest skating fans and promoters.

## Purchasing Dept. Notes

by Irene 'n Lee

Our congratulations to Frances Pliska, our bride-to-be, who became engaged to Richard Saunders over the holidays. Best wishes to you both.



Beverly Dagnault of Charlemont, Mass., has left the Company for a few months to continue her studies at the North Adams State Teachers College. She had been with us for six months, working first with General Foreman Jack O'Leary at the Brown Street plant, and later with Foreman Charles Mulcahy in Metal Clad Finish at the Beaver Street plant. Beverly hopes to be back with us in June. All her fellow employees wish her good luck in her studies at State Teachers. She is, by the way, a very talented young lady at pencil sketching, and has made many beautiful pencil reproductions of photographs.



Diana Joanne Tanguay, two, and David Tanguay, 11 months, are the children of Donald Tanguay, who is with the Network Production Department, Brown Street plant. Looks like Santa pleased these two!



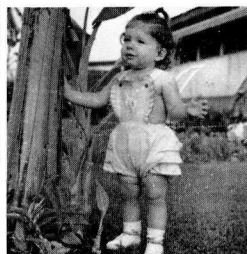
All lined up for a mock marriage at the Shower for Shirley Parmenter are Ann Heath, bride; Evelyn Jones, groom; Rita Charon, bridesmaid; Millie Conroy, best man; and Dora Downes, father of the bride.



David, seven, and Freddie, five, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Spooner, of River Street, North Adams. Both the boys attend Johnson School. Their mother, Lydia, has just returned to Sprague Electric's Metal Clad Finish department at the Beaver Street plant after a leave of absence to welcome the Stork, who brought a lovely daughter, Deborah.



John and Jimmie are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Danforth of North Pownall, Vermont. Joseph is with General Salvage, Brown Street plant.



Alfred, two and a half, is the son of Lorraine Demo, of Molded Tubular Section Solder, Brown Street plant. Stick 'em up, Alfred.

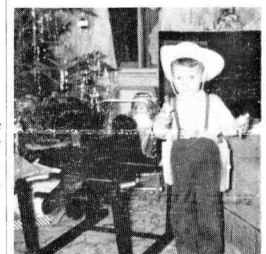


Patty Lynn, in the picture on top, and Carla Ann Brown, below, are the nieces of Doris Luchini, Mary Satori, and Clara Marceau, all of the Metal Clad department, Beaver Street plant. The children's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Brown, both former employees of Sprague Electric, who are now living in the Philippines.

When narrow necked crystal vases and bottles need cleaning and a bottle brush won't do the work break several egg shells into the bottle. Add a little water and shake until all film and dust disappear from the glass.



Second lieutenant Joseph Domenichini is the son of Mrs. Maria Domenichini of Dry Tubular Assembly, Marshall Street plant. Joseph has been home recently on leave after receiving his lieutenant's bars at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He is a graduate of Drury High School and Bliss Business College, and entered the service in October, 1952. He took basic training at Camp Breckenridge, Kentucky, went on to leadership training, and then was selected for a 32-week officer training course.



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Private Dover Owens, formerly of the Ceramic Department in the Marshall Street plant, is now serving in Korea with Company "A" of the 519th M.P. Battalion, A.P.O. 71, P.M., San Francisco, California. Dover, who was a most popular member of the Ceramic group, would like very much to receive letters from his friends here.

One of the most recent household items made from aluminum is a box-like mousetrap that catches mice—not the fingers, noses, and toes of curious pets and children.

# Distaff Side

## Hints on . . .

### Skin Care

Chapped lips and hands and roughened, dry skin at this time of year should remind you to take good care of your skin. This applies to men as well as women. It is a health hint, not a beauty hint, although smooth, clear skin adds to anyone's attractiveness.

The skin, medical authorities remind us, is an important part of the body. It protects the body and regulates its temperature. Cracks and cuts in the skin open the door for germs and harmful chemicals. For these reasons, men should take as good care of their skin as women. Industrial workers and those whose work keeps them outdoors much of the time need particularly to give their skin good care.

Cleanliness is the most vital essential for skin health. The best cleanser is soap and water. Abrasive cleansers are generally frowned on by skin specialists. They are too likely to injure the skin.

## Helps for Planning Breakfasts

It's February — time to check up on our early morning eating habits again. Time to make sure that everyone in the family is getting needed food value from the first meal of the day.

Wives and mothers who have the job of planning and serving breakfast 365 days a year know that it's no small task to keep up the interest of a sleepy-eyed family. Maybe that is why the baker is relied on for breakfast breads. It saves much time and effort now that the baker can be depended on to put more taste appeal into breakfasts.

Tempting rolls and coffee cakes made with enriched flour play a big part in a healthful breakfast. These enriched breads supply added niacin, thiamine, riboflavin and food iron for better nutrition.

When you plan breakfasts, follow this simple pattern. Serve fruit or juice, preferably citrus or tomato; cereal, whole grain, enriched, or restored; milk; and bread and butter or margarine. Include an egg or breakfast meat as often as possible.

To give you a fresh approach to planning breakfasts, here is a whole week of breakfast menus. There is plenty of variety here to keep the family interested in the first meal of the day.

#### SUNDAY

- Broiled Grapefruit
- French Omelet with Ham
- Coffee Cake
- Butter or Margarine
- Beverage

## Accidents Claimed 94,000 Lives in 1953

Accidents claimed approximately 94,000 lives in the United States during 1953, according to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's statisticians. This was about 2,000 fewer than in 1952, and it was the first time in four years that the number of accidental deaths represented a decrease from the preceding year's total.

In noting the improvement, the statisticians point out that the toll of life taken by accidents among the American people continues to be very heavy, with only the cardiovascular diseases and cancer responsible for a greater number of deaths.

Motor vehicle accident fatalities total about 38,000 in 1953, not appreciably different from the number in 1952. The toll in the past three years has not been much below the all-time high of 40,000 lives lost in 1941. As in other recent years, these mishaps were by far the leading cause of fatal injury, accidental deaths.

The decrease in the total number of deaths from accidents was largely due to a reduction in fatal home accidents. About 27,500 lives were lost as a result of accidents in and about the home, which is 1,500 fewer than in 1952.

Public accidents other than those in which motor vehicles were involved accounted for about 16,000 deaths, a small improvement from the year before.

#### MONDAY

- Orange-Grapefruit Juice
- Baked Cornbeef Hash and Eggs
- Enriched Toast Butter or Margarine
- Beverage

#### TUESDAY

- Apple Juice
- Buckwheat Cakes
- Pork Sausage Patties
- Maple Syrup Butter or Margarine
- Beverage

#### WEDNESDAY

- Cornflakes with Bananas and Cream
- Bacon Waffles
- Honey Butter or Margarine
- Beverage

#### THURSDAY

- Stewed Apricots and Prunes
- Scrambled Eggs Bacon
- Hot Sweet Rolls
- Butter or Margarine
- Beverage

#### FRIDAY

- Tomato Juice with Lemon Wedge
- Oatmeal with Cream
- Poached Eggs on Toast
- Beverage

#### SATURDAY

- Baked Cinnamon Apples
- Creamed Chipped Beef in Toast Cups
- Extra Toast
- Grape Jam Butter or Margarine
- Beverage

## Popular Winter Fashions

Now that cold weather has set in, all the woolens in luscious shades, nubby weaves and fleecy textures start to exert their own special magnetism. Women find themselves at fabric counters this time of the year admiring and touching winter woolens. To encourage you to take advantage of this urge for wool, here are three styles good for a wide variety of woolens, all to be stitched up at home.

For an ambitious project we suggest a classic polo coat with handy big pockets and back belt. This is a good choice for a sport coat and if you've always wanted a bright coat, why not make this one in deep red, or if you want to be classic throughout, stick to a camel's hair coating? Simplicity Printed Pattern 4401 comes in misses' sizes, 12 to 20, 35c.



No. 4401

The dress and jacket ensemble is very important in the fashion picture and pattern 4403 consists of a slim, short sleeved dress with V-yoke that looks well piped in satin. The jacket is waist-length and ties in front. This combination makes a good afternoon-into-evening outfit and, without the jacket, the dress is a good basic wardrobe ingredient in black or navy light wool. The pattern comes in junior and misses' sizes 11 to 18, 35c.



No. 4403

For those who have less time to spend with their sewing machine, there's a button-front dress to be whipped up in a jiffy. Contrasting buttons and knit ribbing at the sleeves set off the dress, which would look well in many kinds of wool-tweed, flannel, worsted or wool jersey. Pattern 4457 comes in misses' sizes, 12 to 20, 35c.



No. 4457

A gay outfit for entertaining at home this winter would be the new tapered pedal pushers, plus a surplice, wrap-around blouse. You can make it a smart black and white ensemble or, if you really want to do something new and exciting, use a bold harlequin print bath sheet (36" x 70" will do) for these fancy pants, as we did. Added advantage of using such Turkish toweling is the no ironing feature. Pattern 4255 will make both blouse and pedal pushers, sized for misses, 12 to 20, 35c.



No. 4255

If you're in the market for that special house-party week end, we suggest the strapless and full skirted style in pattern 4440. Strapless bodice top winds up in points at the shoulder, which are underlined in contrasting fabric matching the wide sash. Taffeta is just the material for this lovely gown, such as bright red or winter green. The pattern for this dress comes in junior and misses' sizes, 11 to 18, 50c.



No. 4440

Consult the back of the pattern envelope before you buy your material and read the suggestions on fabric, thread, fasteners, ribbon or trimmings.

There's no sure-fire formula for being the belle of the ball, but a well fitting, smartly styled new dress is half the battle.

## Car Important in Modern Woman's Life

Did you know that one-third of the 65,000,000 licensed drivers in this country are women? They don't average as great distances in a year as men do, but their driving is certainly essential to American family life.

Shopping, taxiing to school, and trips to the doctor's are the three most frequent reasons listed in a recent survey of why women drive the family car. In some places, especially in the suburbs, they are apt to have it from 75% to 90% of the time, and many homes have been built in rural areas because a woman driver made it possible.

Since many women have the use of family cars in the daytime, more and more wives are taking over the responsibility of seeing to the care and the servicing of automobiles. This is a serious responsibility since it affects their families' safety and their cars' efficient operation.

When you take over the duty of "tending to" the car, make it a habit to plan for regular check-up and care, just the way you plan for visits with the children to the doctor and dentist. Use the same service man, whenever convenient. It's a good idea to take your car to the new car dealer who sold it to you. Not only does he know your car best, but he'll keep records on its care and be in a position to give you a better trade-in deal when you're ready for a new car.

Regular care will pay off in high dividends of worry-free driving, economical operation and higher turn-in value.

## In a Nutshell

When we forget to smile, our face is a liability.

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Some people die at 30, but are not buried until 80.

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Flattery is a splendid cure for stiff neck... There are few heads it won't turn.

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Thirty tons of blueprints are used in building a battleship.

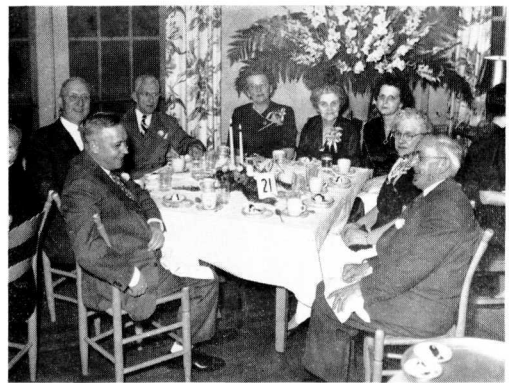
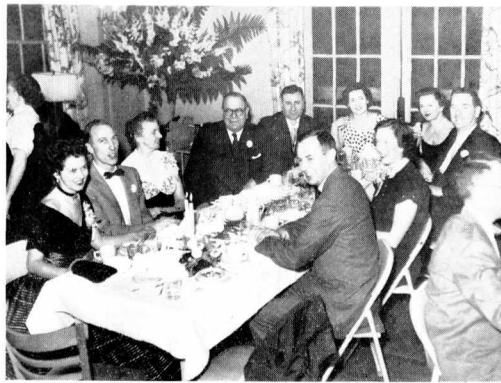
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No ray of sunlight is ever lost, but the green which it awakes into existence needs time to sprout, and it is not always granted to the sower to see the harvest. All work that is worth anything is done in faith.

—Albert Schweitzer



# Candid Pictures of Sprague Management Group's Annual Dinner Dance





Unless otherwise noted, call the LOG DESK if you are interested. Your ads will run in one issue. If you wish to renew your advertisement, please call the LOG DESK by dialing 383.

ARTICLES FOR SALE:

Easy Spin Dryer washing machine — 5 years old. Call Williamstown 398-R.

Hotpoint electric range—fair condition—good for baking—suitable for summer home or camp—price \$25. Contact George Hull, Formation Department or dial MO 3-5437 after 6 p.m.

1953 — 5½ H.P. Cris-Craft outboard motor—approximately 40 hrs. running time —very good condition. Call Adams 1780-J between 6 and 7 p.m.

1949 Buick Super 4 door sedan—price \$950—4 new lifesaver tubeless tires — 2 snow tires—new battery—radio—air conditioning—spotlight—backup lights, directional signals and seatcovers. Excellent running condition. Contact Merritt Beverly, Production Engineering or call Williamstown 44-M or W after 6 p.m.

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Divan—wine color—in good condition—price \$25—can be seen anytime. Call at 22 Lois Street Greylock section.

Mahogany television table—excellent condition—also Stewart Warner radio-phonograph combination in beautiful mahogany finish—also in excellent condition. Dial MO 3-5086 or dial Marshall Street plant 506.

Bosley Model C Twin Lens Reflex—35 mm Camera—complete with case and flash gun. Cost \$129.95 but will sell for \$75. Dial MO 4-0205.

Golf Clubs, Automatic Washer and Ultra-Violet Lamp. Call MO 3-9571 after 6 p.m.

Two year old domestic hot water heater with controls. Will sell for \$25. Dial MO 2-2904, William Mausert.

Sportsman type umbrella tent (large)—dimensions: 9'5" x 12' x 7½' (center)—no center pole — Cost new \$94.00 — never used — will sacrifice for \$55.00. Call Marshall Street plant 396 Bob Lamore.

Modern speed racing boat, trailer and accessories. Price \$145.00. Call Marshall Street plant 396, Bob Lamore.

Thayer carriage and playpen with pads. Call Marshall Street plant 560.

1941 Chevrolet sedan. Best offer over \$50 takes it. Dial Marshall Street plant 390.

RIDERS WANTED

Riders from Adams to North Adams—8 to 5 shift. Call Adams 736-M.

Riders from Bennington to North Adams—7 to 4:45 shift to all three plants. Call Bennington 5335 or Brown Street plant 39 and ask for Bill Smith.

Ride from Valley Street, Adams to Minor or Church Street for the 7:00 a.m. shift—one way only—Dial Brown Street plant 65.

FOR RENT

Comfortable, furnished double rooms, fireplace, convenient to shopping and transportation and quiet street. Inquire at 30 Hoxsey St., Williamstown.

WANTED:

Power generator—either 600 or 1000 watts. Contact Joe Bianchi, Brown Street plant extension 74.

Cat—anyone who has a cat to give away, please contact John Blair, Metal Clad Surplus, Beaver Street plant.

State School Bus Law Is Too Often Violated

The state school bus law is a law that everyone wants to obey but one which is often misunderstood.

The law provides that the driver of a vehicle overtaking or meeting a school bus which has stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging passengers shall bring his vehicle to a complete stop, and keep it stationary until such omnibus shall resume motion, provided flashing red lights and signs are displayed on the bus.

‘Doing It Yourself’ Can Be Painful

The current “do-it-yourself” trend now sweeping the country has one painful drawback. It may result in a sharp increase in home accidents and injuries during the next few months.

Most of the victims are found among families residing in single or private dwellings. These families account for about 63 per cent of the total population, yet suffer 90 per cent of all home accidents.

The greatest number of people, more

Production Engineering Notes

by Lena Hurlbut and Bill Martin

It is nice having Mary MacArthur back with us after having her tonsils out December 29. . . The knitting bug has bitten quite a few of the girls this season. Doris Langer, Corrinne Gallup, Ann Reardon and Ann Lefebvre are on the production line with their colorful hats. And don't forget Joan Reopel, Jean Godfrey, Joan Blanchette and Lorraine Audette, with their gorgeous argyles. Plus a few others with the fever. . . Corrinne Gallup is now working with Ray Calvi as a specification writer. . . Ann Carlow has received many lovely souvenirs from her husband, Bill, who is stationed in Korea. Oh, those sheer black pajamas are out of this world! . . . Harold Rarick spent his vacation skiing locally. . . Bob Dunlop has a new Mercury.

Sympathy is extended to Harry Mortin on the death of his wife.

Shipping Department Notes

by C. T.

Welcome to Shipping, Julia Wolf- rum. . . We all miss Betty O'Dell, who is out on leave of absence. . . Albert Bourdon enjoyed his vacation recently. . . HEAT SEAL SECTION: Agnes Bolus is back at work after a leave of absence. . . We all miss Viola Dempsey, who has been laid off.

Wire Coating Notes

by Betty Jangrow

Mary Jane Sanford, R.N., daughter of Paul Sanford, took time off from her nursing duties to visit her brother and family in Florida. Her brother, Robert, is stationed at Pensacola. Mary Jane enjoyed her trip but was very happy to return. . . Helen Burdick returned from her winter vacation last Monday. She spent most of the time in New York with her daughter, Betty. . . We hope that Ray Dickinson's wife, who is on the sick list, is feeling better.

Ind. Oils Final Assembly Notes

by Isabelle Fuller

The room is pretty dull without Bernard “Bernie” Tatro. Bernie passed his physical examination and is leaving for the service February 9. Good luck to you, and I hope you like the service. He was presented with beautiful gifts. . . Orrie Roy and his wife Rosalie had a wonderful vacation which they spent in Duluth, Minnesota, and Chicago. They visited Rosalie's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nielson. . . Laura Lanoue keeps herself pretty busy these days knitting hats and selling them. They are very pretty. Let us know when you make your first million dollars, Laura!

Our deepest sympathy to Cecelia Maxymillian upon the death of her brother-in-law, Anthony Maxymillian, who passed away recently.

than 180,000 yearly, suffer accidental injury as a result of making their own furniture. Other “do-it-yourself” activities accounting for large numbers of accidents include replacing broken window panes, exterior and interior painting, putting up or taking down storm windows, repairing or painting chimneys, putting up TV aerials, pruning trees, and repairing roofs and gutters.

General carpentry work accounted for 72,000 accidents during one twelve-month period. Of the more than



January	1	Mary Batar
	11	Mina Rondeau
	13	Frank Santelli
	17	Clara Bond
	20	Helen Sikora
		Hank Gamari
	21	Dorothy Buzzell
	25	Bess Lacy
		Lillian Trombley
	27	Fran Pliska
	28	Claire Andrews
		Edith Royal
		Guido Libardoni
	30	Margaret Todd
	31	Ida Brooks
		Elsie LaBonte
February	1	Janet Russett
	2	Roseann Shaker
	2	Vivian Montgomery
	6	Rena Lilsey
		Marjorie Pykto
		Isabelle Lipinski
		Ann Lefebvre
	7	Sue Slater
	8	Lena Hurlbut
	11	Marie Grande
	12	Janice Harrington
		Ida Tovani
		Ronald Couture
	15	Lea Walden
		Clara Bourdon
	16	Mary Scerbo
		Viola Zepka
	22	Helen Estes
		Jimmy Blair
	24	Dolly Rowett
		Ginger Caron
		Dolly Giroux



January	6	Mr. and Mrs. David Peck — Son.
January	8	Mr. and Mrs. William Kirby — Son.
January	9	Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Trimarchi — Daughter.
January	11	Mr. and Mrs. Henry Valenti — Son.
January	13	Mr. and Mrs. Russell F. Noel, Jr. — Son.
January	13	Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Smith — Son.
January	13	Mr. and Mrs. Harrison R. Cross — Daughter.
January	15	Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Rondeau — Daughter.
January	21	Mr. and Mrs. Ernest LeClaire — Daughter.
February	2	Mr. and Mrs. William Houghton — Daughter.

600,000 “fix-it” accidents recorded, 386,000 fell into classifications in which a ladder would ordinarily be used to perform the fixing operation. 252,000 involved the use of tools such as saws, knives, and power machinery.

Tools and equipment figuring in most of these accidents were found to be either misused or mechanically defective.

Doing these home fixing jobs yourself is a satisfying spare time pursuit and helps to keep family living expenses down. But, says the Institute, for Safer Living, it can also be painful and expensive. So, before you tackle each job, make sure that you have the right equipment and enough know-how to handle it safely.



Claire Schabot and William Senecal  
Emily Sprowson and Lawrence Filiault  
Stacia Stachelek and James Birch  
Virginia Suprenant and Ernest Haas  
Edith Fachini and Warren Maynard  
Norma Dargie and Malcomn McQuarrie



Joan Haskins and Harry Chesbro  
Virginia Hyndman and Francis Maxymillian  
Marie Grande and Alfred Roy  
Mary Roberts and Philip Meehan  
Gloria Ferrara and John Anderson, Jr.  
Diane St. Pierre and Francis King  
Doris Daniels and Joseph LaFrance  
Frances O'Neill and Harvey Richard  
Frances Pliska and Richard Saunders  
Shirley Parmenter and Romaine Bombardier  
Enis Montagna and Santo Simonelli  
Janet Murphy and Al Rizzo  
Terry Brennan and Fred Behnke  
Janet Graney and Byron Barber

Anniversaries...

January 15—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bard — 5th.  
January 22—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mazinski — 17th.  
February 6—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boyer — 21st.  
February 16—Mr. and Mrs. William Dupuis — 24th.

Washington and Lincoln Shall Never be Forgotten

FEBRUARY is the birth month of two of the greatest Americans.

The dates on which they were born are remembered and honored; we have not remembered the dates of their death, because Washington and Lincoln will live as long as there is an American alive to recall their words and deeds.

The frailties and inadequacies of lesser men who followed them into the Presidency of our country, while not condoned, will in time be forgotten.

But on the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln in this eventful year, let us recall and take strength from the fact that America has had men who placed principle above privilege, patriotism above politics, and love of country beyond all personal gain.

God willing — and if each of us will truly resolve and act — we shall have them again.

George Washington, February 22, 1732 — “Let us raise a standard to which the wise and honest can repair.”  
Abraham Lincoln, February 12, 1809 — “...that this nation, under God, shall...not perish from the earth.”



## The Crusade For Freedom Supports Truth, Education

The Crusade For Freedom is now underway in the United States.

A quick rundown on what the Crusade stands for, does, and hopes to do, reveals the following:

It stands for American Citizenship at its best; rallies citizens to support Radio Free Europe, whose broadcasts crash the Iron Curtain with truth to people enslaved by the Kremlin in Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania, Albania and Czechoslovakia; and hopes to enlist some 25 million Americans as participants in an educational program aimed at telling everyone the facts of life behind the Iron Curtain.

In the past few years, radio — through Radio Free Europe, supported by the Crusade For Freedom — has come forward as a most powerful deterrent to the start of another world war.

Radio Free Europe is helping to stave off World War III because if there is one entity that the communists can't face up to, it is TRUTH!

This financial and moral backing up of Radio Free Europe's broadcasts is not the other fellow's job. It is a job for each one of us who knows that the way of free men is best. It is a job that must be done — and done superlatively well — in the interests of all.

Some 52 years ago the first transatlantic radio signal, "S", was sent from the Old World to the New. We residents of the New World today have the opportunity to enable messages of hope and courage to be beamed constantly to dwellers in that portion of the Old living under communist tyranny.

Let's take advantage of that opportunity. It could be, that through our support, that original message "S", might now come to signify: "Salvation".

Join the Crusade For Freedom. Do it today!

**Safety  
Is  
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Your  
Business**

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**Without  
Safety,  
You  
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## Payroll Savings Bonds Help Your Future



Actress June Allyson displays a Payroll Savings application blank, giant edition of the one you may fill out (if you already haven't) to authorize the Payroll Department to buy U. S. Savings Bonds for you out of your pay. Sprague Electric, as a service to you, accepts your requests for payroll deductions. U. S. Savings Bonds, paying steady and good interest, are a valuable way for you to save for the future and at the same time help your country.

## Heart Fund Movie Is Shown In Cafeterias

A motion picture on the heart — "Wonder Engine of the Body" — was shown this week in all three North Adams plant cafeterias in conjunction with this month's Heart Fund Campaign.

The movie was obtained by Miss Etta Owen, R.N., the Company's Medical Supervisor. Showings were conducted by Robert S. Potter, Employee and Community Relations.

During the three showings, pamphlets on "Employment and Heart Disease" were distributed. The Booklets explained that heart disease need not be a deterrent to productive work.

Miss Owen is still receiving the names of persons in the Company who wish to volunteer as fund collectors for the campaign in North Adams. Interested persons may contact her to enroll.

## 'Haste Makes Waste'

Haste makes waste — and so do a number of other factors. The list is as long as your arm.

Just plain thoughtlessness can be a cause. So can inattention to the job. And don't forget faulty methods of work.

They all add up to waste. And waste can add up to a staggering bill of costs, a sorry spectacle of squandered money, materials and effort.

Waste, like safety, is everybody's business. The more we tolerate waste, the less are our own chance for success, for profitable operation that means job security.

Stopping waste requires a concentrated effort on the part of each of us, whether our job is in the office, on the production line, in a maintenance department, or on a truck.

If we each try within our own sphere to cut down on waste, the results will prove amazing. Just as you are safety-minded and quality-minded, be waste-minded, too.

Doing your best at all these things means better jobs and a brighter future.

## Distaff Hints For You

For economical well-balanced meal planning, include some plant protein as well as animal protein at each meal. Thus, more costly foods may be put to their most effective use in combination with less expensive plant foods. Cereals and breads, nuts and legumes all provide plant protein in important amounts.

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The homemaker who gets the most value from each dollar spent for food, is the homemaker who knows something about nutrition and then applies that knowledge when she shops for food. She reads labels and knows what they mean, and if she doesn't know she makes it her business to find out.

Take bread, for instance. A homemaker who's "in the know" makes sure that the flour and the bread she buys carries the word "enriched" on the label. She knows that word means that thiamine, niacin, riboflavin and food iron have been added at no increase in cost. She recognizes that the "enriched" label means better nutrition for her family.

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How long has it been since you've baked biscuits for the family? They're so simple to make and take such little time. There's nothing like hot biscuits straight from the oven, spread with melty butter or margarine.

Use plain biscuits as a topping for meat and vegetable pies. Or use them as a base for creamed vegetables, meat and sea foods. "Dress up" plain biscuits by adding bits of green parsley, cheese, sausage meat, or onion to the dough.

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Planning a reducing diet is a job for physicians and nutritionists. When considerable weight needs to be taken off it may be done safely only under a doctor's supervision. An individual may have a special health problem that makes a general reducing diet unsafe for him. If you are thinking of weight reduction through diet, be sure to consult your doctor.

## Professionals Offer Tips To Improve Your Bowling, Add 10 Points to Score

(These wintry nights find many Sprague Electric employees on the alleys, taking part in the healthful and stimulating recreation that the game of bowling offers. Here are some professional tips which may help you improve your game.)

A young lady who had never bowled was watching Marion Ladewig defend her National Individual Match Game Championship at the Chicago Coliseum in December, 1952. As the slender Grand Rapids, Mich., housewife poured in strike after strike without seeming to work up a good sweat, the non-bowler was prompted to remark, "Why, this is a simple game. Anyone can be a good bowler."

Undoubtedly a few minutes on a bowling alley, attempting to knock down the ten pins, would change her opinion of the game's simplicity. She'd soon learn that to be a bowling champion you must master the correct fundamentals and then practice them over and over and over again.

Fortunately for her and for millions of other bowling enthusiasts, you don't have to be an expert to enjoy this wonderful sport. More than 20,000,000 Americans of all ages and occupations are taking part in bowling during this season. With all the industrial, office, fraternal, high school, housewives, mixed and other bowling leagues counted, more Americans take part in bowling each year than in any other competitive sport.

Everyone who bowls enjoys the pleasant relaxation and friendly competition which the game affords, regardless of what scores they roll. But everyone can derive a little more enjoyment by raising his average a few pins.

Raising your average a few pins is a simple matter, according to Joe Wilman, a three-time ABC champion and current National Doubles titleholder. You can boost your score 10 pins a game simply by turning in one more spare that you are now missing.

Everyone has more trouble with one particular "leave" than with any other, continues Wilman. With most right-handed bowlers it's the number 10 pin. They can't keep their ball on the alley long enough to pick up the number 10 pin spare, or else they don't shoot at this difficult pin from the proper angle.

His suggestion is that a bowler spend an hour or so practicing on the weekend or at some other time when the alleys are not filled with leagues. Some establishments have special arrangements to accommodate such practice bowling, charging by the hour rather than for each game. If you can conquer your chief bowling weakness and add one successful spare to your score each game, you have raised your average 10 pins.

Another bowling champion who has advice for boosting your average is Don Carter, current National Singles Champion. Carter believes most bow-

ers underestimate the importance of footwork.

Too many people concentrate entirely on how they release the ball, comments Carter, "and they never give a thought to their footwork in moving up to the foul line. Yet, it is absolutely impossible to score well consistently unless you develop a smooth and coordinated approach."

"Although I use and recommend a four-step approach, some people might prefer either a three-step or a five-step approach. Use whichever one is most comfortable for you."

"In the four-step approach, take your stance in a comfortable position with the knees flexed and the body's weight well back on the heels. I prefer to hold the ball directly in front of me about waist high. The first step is a normal walking step with the right foot simultaneously accompanied by a pushing away of the ball from the body."

"The second step, with the left foot, again is a normal stride. By this time the ball is dropping naturally into the downswing."

"As the right foot comes forward for the third step, the ball reaches the top of its backswing, and your right arm should be straight behind you. Don't swing the ball too high on the backswing in the mistaken belief that extra speed will knock down more pins. On the contrary, it will probably ruin your timing and control, which are essential to better scoring."

"The fourth and final step, is a long, sliding motion with the left foot as the right arm delivers the ball. The movements of your upper body must be coordinated with the movements of your legs throughout your approach."

The advice of Wilman and Carter applies to both men and women alike, but Marion Ladewig, who has reigned as National Women's Individual Champion in 1950-51-52-53, has a few words of wisdom which apply chiefly to the ladies.

"Among the most common faults a woman bowler develops is the tendency to rush her footwork. Regardless of how many steps she uses in her approach, the average lady bowler generally arrives at the foul line before her right arm is ready to deliver the ball. This lack of timing can be avoided if the bowler will concentrate on making the first two steps of her four-step approach a bit slower than the final two."

Another common error which Marion has detected in many women's games is the habit of not bending the knees enough as the ball is released. The most immediate result from stiff knees is a lack of balance, and where balance is lacking, the delivery of the ball is not likely to be a smooth and rhythmic motion.

Following the advice of Don Carter, Joe Wilman and Marion Ladewig may not put your bowling scores in a class with theirs, but it should help you raise your average from 10 to 25 pins. Remember, constant practice of these correct fundamentals is necessary.

# Sports . . .

by KENNY RUSSELL

## Northern Berkshire High School Basketball

With about two-thirds of the league schedule over, the Northern Berkshire pennant race becomes more torrid.

Here are the league standings as of February 6:

	Won	Lost	Percent
St. Joseph (P)	7	2	.778
Pittsfield	7	2	.778
Drury	6	3	.667
Williamstown	5	3	.625
Adams	4	4	.500
Dalton	1	8	.111
St. Joseph (NA)	0	8	.000

At our last writing, Drury, Williamstown and Pittsfield were tied for the top with two wins and no defeats.

Drury, a dark horse in this year's race created a sensation in the first half of the schedule as they swept by all but Williamstown. With a 5-0 record, Drury invaded the college town and took a sound beating from the big team that is ably guided by Coach Mickey Smith. Williamstown bordered on the sensational at that time as they connected on 67% of their shots. Drury still led in league play as Williamstown was being downed. Drury defeated Pittsfield in the Shire City and Adams soundly trounced Williamstown at the new Adams Memorial High School gym.

Following the completion of the first half, Drury began the second by playing host to Adams at the local State Armory. Drury edged out a battling Adams team, and all but eliminated the Mother Towners from pennant aspirations.

However, we had been stating early in the campaign that all teams in this league would be defeated at least twice.

Drury was leading the league when they were faced with the task of taking on Pittsfield St. Joseph at Pittsfield and playing Pittsfield High two days later at the local State Armory. Both of these opponents were one game behind the "Blue Devils".

Well, the outcome is now history. Drury fell before the "Hoyas" at Pittsfield 60-54 and the score does not begin to show how the St. Joseph team dominated the play. Pittsfield also won that same night and thus caused a triple tie.

On February 5, Friday night, the big game was between Coach Hy Patashnick's Drury lads and the clan coached by genial Art Fox of Pittsfield.

Once again fate dealt Drury a staggering and costly blow that may well spell the end of all Drury pennant hopes.

After a cautious first quarter that found Drury leading 10-6, Drury opened fast in the second stanza to open a 19-8 gap, but the "Purple" from down the county refused to fold and massed seven straight points to narrow the margin. At half time Drury had a 23-17 lead.

With the start of the second half, Pittsfield, a fast and accurate passing



team, began to find the range and tied the game at 25-all. However, Capt. Jerry Schmidt and Company retaliated and with 50 seconds remaining in the third period, led 33-27. At this point, Schmidt, Drury's ace and second leading scorer in the league, reinjured his knee that has been bandaged and braced all season. He was carried off the floor and with his departure went the ball game. Don't get us wrong, we do not belittle the efforts of the rest of the team, but facts are facts. During the remainder of the game Drury scored just 6 points, only 5 in the last quarter. Meanwhile Pittsfield acted as though they had a shot in the arm, as they added 23 points to win, 58-39. (Jerry Schmidt may not play again this season.)

Drury is in second place — or maybe we should say third — and they must play local St. Joseph, Dalton at Dalton, and close out with Williamstown at home. The Red and White are still in the fight.

Adams must win all of its remaining games — and what a schedule! Williamstown at Williamstown, Pittsfield, and finally Pittsfield St. Joseph at home.

The big game of the season will be between Pittsfield and Pittsfield St. Joseph. In the previous encounter Pittsfield St. Joseph won the tussle. A win here could mean the pennant and the city championship all wrapped into one.

This league could wind up a three or four way tie with anybody's guess as good as the next.

Pittsfield St. Joseph is another team that would not go far without their star center, Pat Robinson, who just recently set a new high school scoring record when he registered 45 points against local St. Joseph at Pittsfield.

No matter who wins the title, this season has been the most interesting in many, many years. The fans have turned out in droves and the seating facilities have proven to be a major problem.

Maybe someday we will have in Berkshire County a gym large enough to hold all who would like to go. A tourney conducted in Berkshire County would be a tribute well paid to the numerous Northern Berkshire fans who have backed the area teams for years.

## Ice Fishing Bulletin

by Sam Vince

Calling all ice fishermen: how about swapping tales of where the good catches are running?

Here are some good spots that I have heard of, and some that I have been fishing myself this winter:

In our bordering state of Vermont there is Lake Paran at North Bennington; Lake St. Catherine, between Wells and Poultney; and Lake Champlain, at both Basin Harbor and Kelloggs Bay.

The great Northern Pike have been running wild at all these points along with Perch.

If you are interested in ice-fishing, I hope that you will try one or two of these places at your convenience. Please feel free to call me at Brown Street plant, extension 49, for directions to any of these points. Maybe you know of another good spot or two that I have not mentioned. Why not let me know of them?

*(If enough interest is shown, this can be a regular feature of our sports column with stories and pictures of your fishing experiences. Send them in!)*

—Kenny Russell

## Sprague Girls' Bowling League



### Team Standings as of First Half

	Won	Lost	Percent
Western Electric	46	10	.821
Industrial Oils	41	15	.732
Independents	35	21	.625
Scatter Girls	35	21	.625
Filterettes	28	28	.500
Sprague Keys	17	39	.304
Russellettes	14	42	.250
Resistorettes	13	43	.232

### High Average on Each Team

Ind. Oils—Joan Blanchette	89.6
Independents, Gert Volpi	89.7
Filterettes, Mary Unis	86.0
Resistorettes, Helen Miller	85.9
Western Electric, V. Wisniewski	89.3
Scatter Girls, Anne Sawyer	92.4
Sprague Keys, Margaret Dague	86.8
Russellettes, Dot Daunais	91.6

High Three String Total — Margaret Wohler 316

High Individual—DorothyDeGraffand Dorothy Daunais 125

High Team Three String Total — Industrial Oils 1377

High Team Individual Total — Industrial Oils 482

## Williams College Sport News

### BASKETBALL:

Coach Al Shaw's Williams quintet has now won 8 and dropped 5.

Following the Middlebury tilt, the "Ephmen" won a well-played game over arch-rival Wesleyan in the Lasell gym. Playing without the services of the injured ace, "Tony" Moro, the team fought valiantly and Ron Wilson really took care of the scoring as he poured through some 44 points for a new Williams College record. He scored 13 floor baskets and was uncanny from the foul line as he dumped in 18. The enthusiastic crowd swept him off his feet and carried him triumphantly off the court at the conclusion of the game.

On January 28 the University of Massachusetts came in to Williamstown and rudely upset the "Purple" in a thriller, scoring the winning points in the closing seconds of play. This was loss number 3.

Two nights later Williams played host to Springfield and downed a very clever Springfield quintet whose shooting was uncanny. Time, and time again Williams would surge to a commanding lead over their smaller foe, only to see the lead wiped out with some fine passing and great shooting. This was victory number 6 as against 3 losses. Victory number 7 was achieved over W.P.I. without too much trouble.

After Mid-Year exams, the "Ephmen" took to the road and on consecutive nights dropped contests to Buffalo and Rochester. Both games were close and hard fought.

In their last outing they tripped Coast Guard, 69-62, and the accuracy from the foul line clinched this struggle.

### HOCKEY:

Coach Frank Bell's skaters have absorbed their lumps this season, but

are at least scoring. It will undoubtedly take a few seasons before they will be heard of in the New England hockey collegiate circles.

### SWIMMING:

Coach Bob Muir's Natators won a thrilling victory over Springfield in the Lasell pool on February 6. The meet was not decided until the "Purple Ducks" won the relay in the last event.

### SQUASH:

We stated before that the squash team this season would be a contender for New England honors and the changes of Coach Clarence Chaffee are at this writing making that prediction come true.

### WILLIAMS WINTER CARNIVAL:

Don't forget this gala annual winter event scheduled for this weekend.

### SKIING:

For the first time this season the ski operators can post ski conditions ranging from very good to excellent.

Dutch Hill, Jiminy Peak, and Chickley Alp have all been enjoying good patronage at their respective slopes.

Colleges in New England are in the midst of Ski Meets and Winter Carnivals.

Jack Dempsey, local lad and son of councilmen Mathew Dempsey, is making quite a name for himself at Norwich University.

Just recently he capped the National Collegiate crown and on February 6 he led his team to victory over Harvard, the defending champions. He won the slalom, down hill and jumping events and placed 8th in the cross-country event. He won individual scoring honors with 382.2 points. Our congratulations to Jack on a job well done.

## HELP — FOR THE — DEAF - BLIND

Every deaf-blind man, woman, and child in our forty-eight states is in need of help. Try to imagine, if you can, the anguish and horror you would experience bowed down by the twofold weight of blindness and deafness, with no hope of emerging from an utter isolation!

Still throbbing with natural emotions and desires, you would feel through the sense of touch the existence of a living world, and desperately but vainly you would seek an escape into its healing light.

All of your pleasures would vanish in a dreadful monotony of silent days. Even work, man's Divine heritage — work that can bind up broken hearts — would be lost to you. Family and friends might surround you with love, but consolation alone cannot restore usefulness, or bring release from that hardest prison — a tomb of the mind and a dungeon of the body.

We doubt if even the most imaginative and tender normal people can realize the peculiar cruelty of such a situation. The blind who are taught can live happily in a world of sounds, and the deaf use their eyes instead of

ears, but the deaf-blind have no substitute for sight or hearing.

The American Foundation for the Blind is striving to:

1. Develop and expand facilities for teaching deaf-blind children to enable each child to realize his American birthright for an education.

2. Establish efficient methods of communication for each deaf-blind person so that he can "talk" freely with family and friends.

3. Promote greater employment opportunities for the deaf-blind in their own homes, in workshops for the blind, and in private industry.

4. Increase the social relationships of the deaf-blind by interpreting their needs to families, friends, and the general public to allow them to join again in the pleasures of everyday living.

Persons desirous of helping the Foundation may make donations to the American Foundation for the Blind, Inc., 15 W. 16th St., New York 11, N. Y.